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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

May 19, 2021

Womazetta Jones, Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services State of Rhode Island
3 West Road
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

Re: Rhode Island State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0003

Dear Secretary Jones:

We reviewed your proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 21-0003. This amendment proposes to increase the Home Equity Limit for Long-Term Care.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing Section 1917(f) of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that Rhode Island Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 21-0003 is approved effective January 1, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Butterworth at 857-338-0554 or via email at Joyce.Butterworth@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of James G. Scott.

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Benjamin Shaffer, Deputy Secretary and Acting Medicaid Director
Melody Lawrence, Director of Policy and Delivery System Reform

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Rhode Island

DISQUALIFICATION FOR LONG-TERM CARE ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
SUBSTANTIAL HOME EQUITY

1917(f) The State agency denies reimbursement for nursing facility services and other long-term care services covered under the State Plan for an individual who does not have a spouse, child under 21, or adult disabled child residing in the individual's home, when the individual's equity interest in the home exceeds the following amount:

XX The minimum limit on home equity permitted under Section 1917(f)(1) of the Social Security Act.

_____ An amount that exceeds \$500,000 but does not exceed \$750,000 (increased by the annual percentage increase in the urban component of the consumer price index beginning with 2011, rounded to the nearest \$1,000).

The amount chosen by the State is _____.

_____ This higher standard applies statewide.

_____ This higher standard does not apply statewide. It only applies in the following areas of the State:

_____ This higher standard applies to all eligibility groups.

_____ This higher standard only applies to the following eligibility groups.

The state has a process under which this limitation will be waived in cases of undue hardship.