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February 26, 2025

MaryAnne Lindeblad and Dr. Charissa Fotinos
Health Care Authority Director
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Olympia , WA 98504

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment WA-24-0048

Dear MaryAnne Lindeblad and Dr. Charissa Fotinos,

On December 24, 2024, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-24-0048, in which the state proposed to increase the income standard for the optional eligibility group serving Individuals whose incomes are above 133 percent of the federal poverty level and are under age 65.

We approve Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-24-0048 with an effective date(s) of November 01, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Edwin Walaszek at edwin.walaszek1@cms.hhs.gov or at (212) 616-2512.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott

Director, Division of Program Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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State Information

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives SPA WA 24-0048 will increase the income limit for pregnancy and postpartum programs to at or below 210 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), up from 193 percent of the FPL.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2025	\$35000
Second	2026	\$555000

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XX) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 435.218

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

<input type="radio"/> No comment	Describe	Exempt
<input type="radio"/> Comments received		
<input type="radio"/> No response within 45 days		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Other		

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Optional Eligibility Groups

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A. Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals.















☒ Yes ☐ No

The optional eligibility groups covered in the state plan are (elections made in this screen may not be comprehensive during the transition period from the paper-based state plan to MACPro):

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Optional Targeted Low Income Children		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals with Tuberculosis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
PACE Participants		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Work Incentives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Basic		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Optional Eligibility Groups

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B. Medically Needy Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified groups of individuals who are medically needy.

☒ Yes ☐ No

The medically needy eligibility groups covered in the state plan are:

1. Mandatory Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Children under Age 18		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Protected Medically Needy Individuals Who Were Eligible in 1973		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

2. Optional Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

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C. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

- N/A

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65

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Individuals under 65, not otherwise mandatorily or optionally eligible, with income above 133% FPL and at or below a standard established by the state.

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	User-Entered		

The state covers the optional individuals above 133% FPL group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

- Are under age 65
- Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled in mandatory coverage under the state plan
- Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled in optional full Medicaid coverage under the state plan
- Have household income that exceeds 133% FPL but is at or below the standard set by the state

B. Financial Methodologies

MAGI-based methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to MAGI-Based Methodologies, completed by the state.

C. Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. The state covers the following populations:

- ☐ a. All children under a specified age limit:
- ☐ b. Reasonable classifications of children
- ☐ c. Parents and other caretaker relatives as defined in the Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives eligibility group, except for with respect to income
- ☒ d. Pregnant women
- ☐ e. Other

D. Income Standard Used

1. The state uses the same income standard for all individuals covered.

☒ Yes ☐ No

2. The income standard for this eligibility group is:

- ☒ a. Percentage of the federal poverty level.
- ☐ b. No income test (the income standard is infinite).

210.00% FPL

E. Coverage of Dependent Children

Parents or caretaker relatives living with a child under the age specified below are not covered unless the child is receiving benefits under Medicaid, CHIP or through the Exchange or otherwise enrolled in minimum essential coverage, as defined in 42 CFR 435.4.

- ☒ 1. Under age 19, or
- ☐ 2. A higher age of children, if any covered under the Reasonable Classifications of Children eligibility group (42 CFR 435.222) on March 23, 2010:

F. Phase-In

The state elects to phase-in coverage to individuals in this group.

☐ Yes ☒ No

G. Additional Information (optional)

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