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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

October 21, 2020

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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment CA-20-0016

Dear Jacey Cooper:

On February 14, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received California State Plan Amendment (SPA) CA-20-0016 to provide for a disregard from an individual's income in the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium. The income disregard will apply to relevant individuals in a coverage group in an amount equal to their monthly Medicare Part B premium..

We approve California State Plan Amendment (SPA) CA-20-0016 on October 21, 2020 with an effective date(s) of December 01, 2020.

Please note that accompanying this approval of SPA 20-0016 is a companion letter regarding a resource disregard, which the state will need to revise after the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

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20201016 CA-20-0016 Companion Letter MCOG	10/19/2020 11:19 AM EDT	

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Cheryl Young at cheryl.young@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
 James G. Scott
 Director, Division of Program Operations
 Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

RAI

CMS is issuing this Request for Additional Information (RAI) pursuant to Section 1915(f) of the Social Security Act (added by P.L. 97-35). This request has the effect of stopping the 90-day time period for CMS to act on the material. A new 90-day time frame will not begin until we receive your response to this request.

In accordance with our guidelines to all State Medicaid directors dated January 2, 2001, and subsequently reiterated in the August 16, 2018 Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Informational Bulletin, if a response to a formal request for additional information from CMS is not received from the state within 90 days of issuance, CMS will initiate disapproval of the SPA or waiver action.

In addition, because this amendment was submitted after January 2, 2001 and is effective after January 1, 2001, please be advised that we will defer federal financial participation (FFP) for state payments made in accordance with this amendment until it is approved. Upon approval, FFP will be available for the period beginning with the effective date through the date of approval.

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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

October 16, 2020

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Dear Ms. Cooper:

We are issuing this letter as a companion to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) approval of California's State Plan Amendment (SPA) CA 20-0016. California's SPA 20-0016 provides for a disregard from an individual's income in the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium. During the course of our review of SPA 20-0016, we found a comparability issue with a resource disregard, which is the subject of this letter.

California's existing state plan includes a resource disregard ("Resources exempted under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII)") on Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A, page 14 (hereafter page 14). Under this disregard, resources that were excluded for an individual while he or she was enrolled in the eligibility group described at section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act are disregarded when such an individual undergoes an eligibility determination for certain other eligibility groups (as listed on page 14). The effect of this disregard is that, when California determines financial eligibility for the eligibility groups described at sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I), (X), and section 1902(a)(10)(C) of the Act, only some, but not all, individuals are permitted a certain resource disregard. Consequently, individuals in the same categorical population (e.g., individuals 65 years old or older) will be treated differently depending on whether they were or were not previously enrolled in the eligibility group described at section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act. If the state chooses to apply less restrictive income or resource methodology to an eligibility group, it must apply that methodology to all individuals within the selected group. The application of this disregard to only a narrow segment of each categorical population within each eligibility group is not permitted under section 1902(a)(17) of the Act, and implemented at 42 C.F.R. §435.601(d)(4), which require comparability in the application of the financial methodology for all individuals within the same eligibility group.

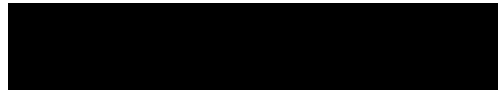
Although the application of the disregard to a narrow population within an eligibility group is not permissible, the elimination of this disregard from California's state plan may render it ineligible for the increased federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) authorized under Section 6008(a) of the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA). To be eligible for the increased FMAP, a state must maintain eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures that are no more restrictive than what the state had in place as of January 1, 2020, during the period in which the enhanced FMAP is available (i.e., during the public health emergency relating to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or "COVID-19") under section 6008(b)(1) of the FFCRA. For this reason, we are approving this SPA with the disregard as currently listed in the state plan on page 14, and now

incorporated into MACPro in the reviewable units (RUs) for “Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance” and “Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level.”

We discussed this issue with the state on October 7, 2020. This letter documents that the state agrees it will submit an additional SPA to correct this issue as soon as practicable after the end of the COVID-19 PHE). Such a SPA would remove this disregard now incorporated into MACPro in the reviewable units (RUs) for “Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance” and “Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level.”

CMS welcomes the opportunity to work with you and your staff to resolve these issues. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this request, please contact Cheryl Young at Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov or 415-744-3598.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Ruth A. Hughes.

Ruth A. Hughes, Acting Director
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Authority Eligibility

Submission Date Feb 14, 2020

State CA

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All Questions

Question ID	Reference	CMS question to the State	Policy/Regulation	State Response
1	RU - Individuals Eligible for But Not Receiving Cash Assistance	1. Which of the exclusions listed below best aligns with California's intended policy goals? a. "As permitted under Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security, applicants and recipients under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) or 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) shall receive an income deduction equal to the cost of incurred Medicare and other health insurance premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance charges." b. "For the Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X) eligibility groups, disregard from an individual's income the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium."	Social Security Act Sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) and 1902(r)(2).	California elects to implement the language in option b. "For the Section 1902 (a) (10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X) eligibility groups , disregard from an individual's income the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium."
2	RU - Aged and Disability Poverty Level Group	2. Which of the exclusions listed below best aligns with California's intended policy goals? a. "As permitted under Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security, applicants and recipients under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) or 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) shall receive an income deduction equal to the cost of incurred Medicare and other health insurance premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance charges." b. "For the Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X) eligibility groups, disregard from an individual's income the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium."	Social Security Act Sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) and 1902(r)(2).	California elects to implement the language in option b. "For the Section 1902 (a) (10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X) eligibility groups , disregard from an individual's income the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium."
3	Census Disregard Effective Date	3. SPA 20-0016 has overlapping RUs with SPA 20-0022 (Census Income Disregard). Does California still propose to apply a census income disregard to the eligibility groups described at 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X), effective January 1, 2020?	Social Security Act Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X)	Yes, California intends to apply the census income disregard to both eligibility groups.

Submission Package was updated by the State in accordance with the response above

Yes

No

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Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
Optional Eligibility Groups	12/1/2020	CA-20-0033
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance	12/1/2020	CA-20-0033
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level	12/1/2020	CA-20-0033

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives The State Plan Amendment is required to implement California Assembly Bill (AB) 1088 (Chapter 450, 2019). AB 1088 requires California to seek federal approval for a new income disregard that would allow an aged, blind, or disabled individual to remain eligible for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (ABD FPL) program once the state pays the individual's Medicare Part B premiums. The income disregard would disregard from an individual's income the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium. The purpose of the legislation is to avoid any adverse impacts on beneficiaries who repeatedly transition between the ABD FPL and Medically Needy with Share of Cost programs, as well as the administrative burden on county eligibility staff. This income disregard is a less restrictive income methodology that is permissible under the 1902(r)(2) authority.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2020	\$138947
Second	2021	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I), (X); 1396a(r)(2)

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

- No comment
- Comments received
- No response within 45 days
- Other

Describe The Governor's Office does not want to review this SPA.

Submission - Public Comment

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Indicate whether public comment was solicited with respect to this submission.

- Public notice was not federally required and comment was not solicited
- Public notice was not federally required, but comment was solicited
- Public notice was federally required and comment was solicited

Submission - Tribal Input

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One or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services in this state

- Yes
 No

This state plan amendment is likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations, as described in the state consultation plan.

- Yes
 No

Explain why this SPA is not likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations:

DHCS does not believe a Tribal Notice is required because the proposal does not make changes to the Medi-Cal program that further restrict eligibility; or reduce payment rates or make updates to payment methodologies to Indian health programs; or reduce or restrict access to covered services for American Indian Medi-Cal beneficiaries or increase services reimbursed to Indian health programs. CMS approved DHCS' no-notice request on 11/13/19.

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Optional Targeted Low Income Children		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Individuals with Tuberculosis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
PACE Participants		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice		<input 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Work Incentives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
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

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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Children under Age 18		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEW

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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 Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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Individuals who are eligible for but not receiving federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement.

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The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Meet the eligibility requirements of at least one of the following cash assistance programs:

- a. SSI
- b. Optional State Supplement
- c. AFDC

2. Do not receive cash assistance under these programs.

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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B. 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. Individuals age 65 or older
- b. Individuals who have blindness
- c. Individuals who have a disability
- d. All children under a specified age limit:
- e. Reasonable classifications of children
- f. Parents and other caretaker relatives
- g. Pregnant women
- h. Other population

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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C. Financial Methodologies

1. In calculating household income and resources for individuals who are seeking eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or disability, SSI methodologies are used. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Standard Income Disregard	Countable income, as determined in accordance with Section 1902 (m) of the Act, does not exceed an income standard equal to 100 percent of federal poverty level for 1 or 2 persons. As permitted under Section 1902(r)(2) an income disregard of \$230 for an individual or in a case of a couple a \$310 income disregard. If such disregards are not sufficient to result in an effective income level equal to the SSI/SSP payment level for a disabled individual or, in the case of a couple, the SSI/SSP payment level for a disabled couple, then an income disregard sufficient to achieve that result.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:

Name of income type:	Description:
Kinship Guardianship Benefit Payments	<p>As referenced in Supplement 8a of Attachment 2.6-A page 9:</p> <p>As permitted under Section 1902(r)(2), in determining eligibility for the following coverage groups, State funded benefit payments under the State's Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (also known as Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program - Enhanced) shall be exempt. These coverage groups are:</p> <p>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii), 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III), and 1905(p).</p>
In-home caregiver wages	<p>As referenced in Supplement 8a of Attachment 2.6-A page 8:</p> <p>In-home caregiver wages paid to a household member shall be exempt when both of the following conditions are met: 1) The caregiver is being paid for providing the in-home care to his/her spouse or minor child living in the home, and 2) The spouse or minor child is receiving those in-home services through any federal, state or local government program. Payments made by the California Department of Social Services to an in-home care recipient for the purpose of purchasing in-home care services, including restaurant meals, shall be exempt. These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <p>• 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) • 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)</p>

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Deductions for ineligible family members	<p>Disregard and amount equal to the appropriate figure below, based on household size. This disregard description clarifies the existing policy listed on pages 6, 6a, and 7 of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A of the state plan.</p> <p>Household of 1: \$600 Household of 2: \$750 Household of 2 adults*: \$934 Household of 3: \$934 Household of 4: \$1,100 Household of 5: \$1,259 Household of 6: \$1,417 Household of 7: \$1,550 Household of 8: \$1,692 Household of 9: \$1,825 Household of 10: \$1,959</p> <p>*A household of two adults where at least one person is aged, blind, or disabled utilizes the deduction for a household size of 3, as permitted by 42 CFR § 435.1007(c).</p>
Medicare Part B Disregard	<p>For the Section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X) eligibility groups, disregard from an individual's income the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium.</p>

4. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

- The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to resources set aside for burial.
 - Specified methodology for the treatment of resources set aside for burial:

Name of methodology:	Description:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Burial Funds	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-a, Page 2:</p> <p>All of the following shall be disregarded in determining eligibility in their entirety and shall not be applied against a single \$1500 limit:</p> <p>(1) All of the following burial related funds:</p> <p>(a) The first \$1500 paid for clearly designated burial funds such as burial insurance policies with cash surrender values, revocable burial trusts, revocable burial contracts, or other revocable burial arrangements.</p> <p>(b) Irrevocable burial trusts or irrevocable burial contracts, or other irrevocable burial arrangements.</p> <p>(c) Burial insurance policies without cash surrender values.</p> <p>(2) Life insurance policies on the life of any individual in the family shall be exempt if the combined face value of all of the policies on the insured individual is \$1500 or less.</p> <p>(3) All dividends and interest that accrue to and are not removed from the burial fund or policy described in (1) or (2).</p> <p>The disregard of life insurance policies and burial related funds is allowed for all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <p>(a)(10)(A)(ii), (a)(10)(C)(i)(III), and 1905(p)</p>

- The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of motor vehicles.
- A motor vehicle is disregarded under specific conditions.

Specified conditions:

Description: As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-a Page 11:

One motor vehicle per budget unit shall be exempt regardless of value or use. The above paragraph applies to all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):

- (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
<p>Restitution payments made to Holocaust victims</p>	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 12 and 13:</p> <p>Excludable restitution payments made to a holocaust victim or his or her heirs or beneficiaries shall be considered an exempt resource for the purpose of determining eligibility to receive Medi-Cal benefits or the amounts of those benefits.</p> <p>A "holocaust victim" is a person who was persecuted by Nazi Germany, any other Axis regime, or any other Nazi controlled or Nazi-allied country:</p> <p>(1) on the basis of race, religion, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation; (2) during any period before, during or after.</p> <p>An "excludable restitution payment" is any payment or distribution, recovered or returned asset or property, received directly by a holocaust victim or heirs or beneficiaries of a holocaust victim:</p> <p>(1) as compensation pursuant to the German Act Regulating Unresolved Property Claims, as amended (Gesetz zur Regelung offener Vermögensfragen); (2) as a result of a settlement of claims against any entity or individual for any recovered asset. A "recovered asset" is any asset of any type, including any bank deposits, insurance proceeds, artwork, or interest earned on any of these assets, owned by a holocaust victim, withheld from that holocaust victim or his or her heirs or beneficiaries and recovered, returned or otherwise compensated to the holocaust victim or his or her heirs or beneficiaries;</p> <p>(3) as a payment or restitution provided by law, or by a fund, established by any foreign country, the United States of America, or any other foreign or domestic entity, or as a result of a final resolution of a legal action;</p> <p>(4) as a direct or indirect return of, or compensation or reparation for, assets stolen or hidden from, or otherwise lost to, the individual before, during or immediately after World War II, including any insurance proceeds under policies issued on the individual by European insurance companies immediately before and during World War II; or</p> <p>(5) as interest, payable as part of any payment or distribution described in the paragraph.</p> <p>These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p>

Name of resource type:	Description:
Independence Accounts	<p>• (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)</p> <p>Independence Accounts established under the Work Incentives program shall be disregarded in the resource eligibility determination, subject to the limitation identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions involving the accounts are subject to standard eligibility rules relating to resources (e.g., a transfer from the account for less than fair market value would be subject to transfer-of-asset rules).
In-home caregiver resource disregard	<p>Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6A, Page 13</p> <p>In-home caregiver wages paid to a household member shall be exempt when both of the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The caregiver is being paid for providing the in-home care to his/her spouse or minor child living in the home, and 2) The spouse or minor child is receiving those in-home services through any federal, state or local government program. <p>Payments made by the California Department of Social Services to an in-home care recipient for the purpose of purchasing in-home care services, including restaurant meals, shall be exempt.</p> <p>These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) • 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

Name of resource type:	Description:
<p>Precertified long-term care insurance policy or health care service plan contract</p>	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 1:</p> <p>A resource disregard is given to an individual who has purchased a precertified long-term care insurance policy or health care service plan contract which covers long-term care and has used such policy or plan to pay for services.</p> <p>Services which the individual receives and are paid for by the precertified long-term care insurance policy or health care service plan contract, which covers long-term care, must not be delivered by a member of the individual's family, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The family member is a regular employee of an organization which is providing the services; and • The organization receives the payment for the services; and • The family member receives no compensation other than the normal compensation for employees in his or her job category. <p>The amount of the disregard is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the amount of payments made for services by the insurance policy; or • the actual charge for the services. <p>Such disregard is in effect for the lifetime of the individual. The disregard is also allowed if a Medicaid application is filed on behalf of a deceased individual for payment of costs for care and services received by the individual during his or her lifetime.</p> <p>The disregard of resources is allowed for aged, blind and disabled individuals who are otherwise eligible and:</p> <p>A. Medically Needy [1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III)], or</p> <p>B. Optional Categorically Needy [1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)], except those who are included in Section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii)(VIII), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XI) and 1902(a)(10) (A)(ii)(IV) who are receiving Supplemental Security Income Payments under Title XVI or a State Supplemental Payment, or</p> <p>C. Who are Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries [1905(p)].</p>

Name of resource type:	Description:
Resources exempted under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII)	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 14: All resources exempted from consideration as resources for individuals in the optional coverage group under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act on the basis that they are employer or individual retirement arrangements authorized under the Internal Revenue Code shall continue to be exempt from consideration as resources in all other coverage groups subject to the provisions of 1902(r)(2) under which the individual later becomes eligible for medical assistance where the basis for that eligibility is the individual's age, blindness, or disability.</p> <p>These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) • 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) • 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)
Unpaid incurred medical bills	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 5:</p> <p>Pursuant to court order in Principe v. Belshe (Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 96CSOO115), a resource disregard would be allowed equal to the amount of incurred medical bills that are unpaid in the month where there are excess resources for the entire month,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only when payment of those medical bills occurs in a later month, and • verification of payment is provided. <p>This disregard would be allowed no earlier than the month of application (may not be one of the three months prior to the month of application).</p> <p>The requirements listed above would have to be met before eligibility is granted for the month throughout which the excess resources existed.</p> <p>This disregard would apply only to individuals who have excess resources for the entire month but who are otherwise eligible in that month under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

Name of resource type:	Description:
Japanese Reparation Payments	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 6:</p> <p>Japanese Reparation payments made by the Canadian government shall be exempt from consideration in determining eligibility for Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Japanese Reparation payments, whether made by the United States or Canadian governments shall be exempt if received by the spouse or inherited from the spouse who was the original recipient, or both.</p> <p>Where Japanese Reparation payments, whether made by the United States or Canadian governments, are converted to another form, amounts of otherwise excess, nonexempt resources sufficient to ensure that the amount of the exemption equals the amount of the reparation payments received by the individual or inherited by the spouse of the individual, or both, shall not be considered as resources in determining eligibility for Medi-Cal.</p> <p>These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(VIII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

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<p>SSI and AFDC differing methodologies</p>	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 8:</p> <p>In considering all of the various items of resources where the SSI program and the AFDC program have differing methodologies, the State shall follow the methodology of the least restrictive of either the SSI program or the AFDC program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The general rules contained in the paragraph above shall apply to determine the resource methodologies employed in consideration of all resource items unless a more specific methodology for a specific resource item is otherwise set forth and included in the State plan. <p>The above paragraphs apply to the resources of all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

Name of resource type:	Description:
Principal residence disregard	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 9:</p> <p>The principal residence shall not be considered as a resource if any of the following circumstances exist (this is in addition to the reasons specified by the SSI program and the AFDC program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if a child under the age of 21 lives on the property, or • if a dependent relative lives on the property, (for this purpose only, a disabled child age 21 or over shall be considered a dependent relative), • if a sibling or child age 21 or over of the applicant or beneficiary has continuously resided on the property for at least one year immediately prior to the date the applicant or beneficiary entered a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility and continues to reside there, or • if the property cannot be readily converted to cash but a bona fide effort is being made to sell the property. A bona fide effort to sell means that the property is listed for sale with a licensed real estate broker for its fair market value established by a qualified real estate appraiser, a good faith effort is being made to sell the property, offers at fair market value are accepted, and the applicant or beneficiary has supplied proof of compliance with these conditions to the county. <p>The above paragraphs apply to all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

Name of resource type:	Description:
<p>Bona fide, good faith effort to sell or liquidate resource</p>	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 10:</p> <p>The value of resources shall be disregarded when there is a bona fide, good faith effort being made to sell or liquidate the resource. The value of the resource shall be disregarded for as long as the bona fide good faith effort to sell or liquidate continues to be made. This methodology is essentially the same as the methodology applied to resources being sold or liquidated in the eligibility determinations of the SSI and AFDC program, however, since there is no conditional eligibility in the Medicaid program, the applicant/beneficiary shall not be required to sign, as a condition of eligibility, a statement agreeing to make repayment upon the sale of the property.</p> <p>The above paragraph applies to all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

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F. Additional Information (optional)

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level

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Individuals who are age 65 or older or who have a disability, with income no higher than 100% FPL.

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The state covers the optional Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Meet at least one of the following condition(s):
 - a. Are age 65 or older; or
 - b. Have a disability.
2. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.

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B. Individuals Covered

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

- Yes
- No

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C. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income and resources. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

a. The state uses the same less restrictive income methodologies for all individuals covered.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

General income disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Standard Income Disregard	Countable income, as determined in accordance with Section 1902 (m) of the Act, does not exceed an income standard equal to 100 percent of federal poverty level for 1 or 2 persons. As permitted under Section 1902(r)(2) an income disregard of \$230 for an individual or in a case of a couple a \$310 income disregard. If such disregards are not sufficient to result in an effective income level equal to the SSI/SSP payment level for a disabled individual or, in the case of a couple, the SSI/SSP payment level for a disabled couple, then an income disregard sufficient to achieve that result.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
Kinship Guardianship Benefit Payments	<p>As referenced in Supplement 8a of Attachment 2.6-A page 9:</p> <p>As permitted under Section 1902(r)(2), in determining eligibility for the following coverage groups, State funded benefit payments under the State's Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (also known as Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program - Enhanced) shall be exempt. These coverage groups are:</p> <p>1902(a)(10)(A)(ii), 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III), and 1905(p).</p>
In-home caregiver wages	<p>As referenced in Supplement 8a of Attachment 2.6-A page 8:</p> <p>In-home caregiver wages paid to a household member shall be exempt when both of the following conditions are met: 1) The caregiver is being paid for providing the in-home care to his/her spouse or minor child living in the home, and 2) The spouse or minor child is receiving those in-home services through any federal, state or local government program. Payments made by the California Department of Social Services to an in-home care recipient for the purpose of purchasing in-home care services, including restaurant meals, shall be exempt. These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) • 1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:

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Deductions for ineligible family members	<p>Disregard and amount equal to the appropriate figure below, based on household size. This disregard description clarifies the existing policy listed on pages 6, 6a, and 7 of Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A of the state plan.</p> <p>Household of 1: \$600 Household of 2: \$750 Household of 2 adults*: \$934 Household of 3: \$934 Household of 4: \$1,100 Household of 5: \$1,259 Household of 6: \$1,417 Household of 7: \$1,550 Household of 8: \$1,692 Household of 9: \$1,825 Household of 10: \$1,959</p> <p>*A household of two adults where at least one person is aged, blind, or disabled utilizes the deduction for a household size of 3, as permitted by 42 CFR § 435.1007(c).</p>
Medicare Part B Disregard	<p>For the Section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (X) eligibility groups, disregard from an individual's income the amount of such individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium.</p>

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

- Yes
- No

a. The state uses the same less restrictive resource methodologies for all individuals covered.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to resources set aside for burial.

Specified methodology for the treatment of resources set aside for burial:

Name of methodology:	Description:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Burial Funds	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-a, Page 2:</p> <p>All of the following shall be disregarded in determining eligibility in their entirety and shall not be applied against a single \$1500 limit:</p> <p>(1) All of the following burial related funds:</p> <p>(a) The first \$1500 paid for clearly designated burial funds such as burial insurance policies with cash surrender values, revocable burial trusts, revocable burial contracts, or other revocable burial arrangements.</p> <p>(b) Irrevocable burial trusts or irrevocable burial contracts, or other irrevocable burial arrangements.</p> <p>(c) Burial insurance policies without cash surrender values.</p> <p>(2) Life insurance policies on the life of any individual in the family shall be exempt if the combined face value of all of the policies on the insured individual is \$1500 or less.</p> <p>(3) All dividends and interest that accrue to and are not removed from the burial fund or policy described in (1) or (2).</p> <p>The disregard of life insurance policies and burial related funds is allowed for all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <p>(a)(10)(A)(ii), (a)(10)(C)(i)(III), and 1905(p)</p>

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of motor vehicles.

A motor vehicle is disregarded under specific conditions.

Specified conditions:

Description: As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-a Page 11:

One motor vehicle per budget unit shall be exempt regardless of value or use. The above paragraph applies to all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r) (2):

• (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
Restitution payments made to Holocaust victims	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 12 and 13:</p> <p>Excludable restitution payments made to a holocaust victim or his or her heirs or beneficiaries shall be considered an exempt resource for the purpose of determining eligibility to receive Medi-Cal benefits or the amounts of those benefits.</p> <p>A "holocaust victim" is a person who was persecuted by Nazi Germany, any other Axis regime, or any other Nazi controlled or Nazi-allied country:</p> <p>(1) on the basis of race, religion, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation; (2) during any period before, during or after.</p> <p>An "excludable restitution payment" is any payment or distribution, recovered or returned asset or property, received directly by a holocaust victim or heirs or beneficiaries of a holocaust victim: (1) as compensation pursuant to the German Act Regulating Unresolved Property Claims, as amended (Gesetz zur Regelung offener Vermögensfragen); (2) as a result of a settlement of claims against any entity or individual for</p>

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	<p>any recovered asset. A "recovered asset" is any asset of any type, including any bank deposits, insurance proceeds, artwork, or interest earned on any of these assets, owned by a holocaust victim, withheld from that holocaust victim or his or her heirs or beneficiaries and recovered, returned or otherwise compensated to the holocaust victim or his or her heirs or beneficiaries;</p> <p>(3) as a payment or restitution provided by law, or by a fund, established by any foreign country, the United States of America, or any other foreign or domestic entity, or as a result of a final resolution of a legal action;</p> <p>(4) as a direct or indirect return of, or compensation or reparation for, assets stolen or hidden from, or otherwise lost to, the individual before, during or immediately after World War II, including any insurance proceeds under policies issued on the individual by European insurance companies immediately before and during World War II; or</p> <p>(5) as interest, payable as part of any payment or distribution described in the paragraph.</p> <p>These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)
Independence Accounts	<p>Independence Accounts established under the Work Incentives program shall be disregarded in the resource eligibility determination, subject to the limitation identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions involving the accounts are subject to standard eligibility rules relating to resources (e.g., a transfer from the account for less than fair market value would be subject to transfer-of-asset rules).

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Precertified long-term care insurance policy or health care service plan contract	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 1:</p> <p>A resource disregard is given to an individual who has purchased a precertified long-term care insurance policy or health care service plan contract which covers long-term care and has used such policy or plan to pay for services.</p> <p>Services which the individual receives and are paid for by the precertified long-term care insurance policy or health care service plan contract, which covers long-term care, must not be delivered by a member of the individual's family, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The family member is a regular employee of an organization which is providing the services; and • The organization receives the payment for the services: and • The family member receives no

Name of resource type:**Description:**

compensation other than the normal compensation for employees in his or her job category.

The amount of the disregard is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:

- the amount of payments made for services by the insurance policy; or
- the actual charge for the services.

Such disregard is in effect for the lifetime of the individual. The disregard is also allowed if a Medicaid application is filed on behalf of a deceased individual for payment of costs for care and services received by the individual during his or her lifetime.

The disregard of resources is allowed for aged, blind and disabled individuals who are otherwise eligible and:

- A. Medically Needy [1902(a)(10)(C)(i)(III)], or
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Japanese Reparation Payments	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 6:</p> <p>Japanese Reparation payments made by the Canadian government shall be exempt from consideration in determining eligibility for Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Japanese Reparation payments, whether made by the United States or Canadian governments shall be exempt if received by the spouse or inherited from the spouse who was the original recipient, or both.</p> <p>Where Japanese Reparation payments, whether made by the United States or Canadian governments, are converted to another form, amounts of otherwise excess, nonexempt resources sufficient to ensure that the amount of the exemption equals the amount of the reparation payments received by the individual or inherited by the spouse of the individual, or both, shall not be considered as resources in determining eligibility for Medi-Cal.</p> <p>These exemptions shall apply to the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(VII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(X) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII) • (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

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<p>SSI and AFDC differing methodologies</p>	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 8:</p> <p>In considering all of the various items of resources where the SSI program and the AFDC program have differing methodologies, the State shall follow the methodology of the least restrictive of either the SSI program or the AFDC program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The general rules contained in the paragraph above shall apply to determine the resource methodologies employed in consideration of all resource items unless a more specific methodology for a specific resource item is otherwise set forth and included in the State plan. <p>The above paragraphs apply to the resources of all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

Name of resource type:	Description:
Principal residence disregard	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 9:</p> <p>The principal residence shall not be considered as a resource if any of the following circumstances exist (this is in addition to the reasons specified by the SSI program and the AFDC program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if a child under the age of 21 lives on the property, or • if a dependent relative lives on the property, (for this purpose only, a disabled child age 21 or over shall be considered a dependent relative), • if a sibling or child age 21 or over of the applicant or beneficiary has continuously resided on the property for at least one year immediately prior to the date the applicant or beneficiary entered a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility and continues to reside there, or • if the property cannot be readily converted to cash but a bona fide effort is being made to sell the property. A bona fide effort to sell means that the property is listed for sale with a licensed real estate broker for its fair market value established by a qualified real estate appraiser, a good faith effort is being made to sell the property, offers at fair market value are accepted, and the applicant or beneficiary has supplied proof of compliance with these conditions to the county. <p>The above paragraphs apply to all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

Name of resource type:	Description:
<p>Bona fide, good faith effort to sell or liquidate resource</p>	<p>As referenced in SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 10:</p> <p>The value of resources shall be disregarded when there is a bona fide, good faith effort being made to sell or liquidate the resource. The value of the resource shall be disregarded for as long as the bona fide good faith effort to sell or liquidate continues to be made. This methodology is essentially the same as the methodology applied to resources being sold or liquidated in the eligibility determinations of the SSI and AFDC program, however, since there is no conditional eligibility in the Medicaid program, the applicant/beneficiary shall not be required to sign, as a condition of eligibility, a statement agreeing to make repayment upon the sale of the property.</p> <p>The above paragraph applies to all applicants and recipients who are otherwise eligible under California's State Plan and who are also a member of one of the following coverage groups referenced in the Social Security Act at Section 1902(r)(2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (a)(10)(A)(ii) • (a)(10)(C)(i)(III) • 1905(p)

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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard for this eligibility group is:

- 1. 100% FPL
- 2. A lower percent of the FPL:

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E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is:

- 1. The resource limit for the SSI program; or
- 2. The resource limit used in the state's medically needy program, if higher.

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