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Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

April 02, 2020

Beth Kidder Deputy Secretary Agency for Health Care Administration 2727 Mahan Drive Mail Stop #20 Tallahassee, FL 32308

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment FL-20-0001

Dear Beth Kidder:

On January 17, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Florida State Plan Amendment (SPA) FL-20-0001 to apply an income disregard for the eligibility determination process for individuals with disabilities with earned income through paid employment..

We approve Florida State Plan Amendment (SPA) FL-20-0001 on April 02, 2020 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2020.

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f you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tanc	Ira Hodges at Tandra.Hodges@cms.hhs.gov.	
	Sincerely,	
	James Scott	
	Director Division of Program Ope	rations
	Center for Medicaid & Cl	-IIP Services

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including The amendment seeks approval to apply an income disregard for the eligibility determination process for individuals Goals and Objectives with disabilities with earned income through paid employment.

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2019	\$0
Second	2020	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.222 &1902(r)(2) of the Act

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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 \bigcirc No comment

O Comments received

O No response within 45 days

Other

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Eligibility Determinations of Individuals Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability

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A. Eligibility Determinations of Individuals Who Are Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability

Eligibility determinations of individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability are based on one of the following:

1. SSA Eligibility Determination State (1634 State)

The state has an agreement under section 1634 of the Social Security Act for the Social Security Administration to determine Medicaid eligibility of SSI beneficiaries. For all other individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, the state requires a separate Medicaid application and determines financial eligibility based on SSI income and resource methodologies.

2. State Eligibility Determination (SSI Criteria State)

The state requires all individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, including SSI beneficiaries, to file a separate Medicaid application, and determines financial eligibility based on SSI income and resource methodologies.

3. State Eligibility Determination (209(b) State)

The state requires all individuals who seek Medicaid eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or a disability, including SSI beneficiaries, to file a separate Medicaid application, and determines financial eligibility using income and resource methodologies more restrictive than SSI.

B. Additional information (optional)

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The state will apply the methodologies as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 435.601, 435.602, and 435.831.

A. Basic Financial Methodology

- 1. The state applies the income and resource methodologies of the SSI program when determining eligibility for a population based on age (65 or older) or having blindness or a disability, with the exceptions described below in B. through G.
- 2. The state applies the financial methodologies of either the SSI program or the AFDC program in effect as of July 16, 1996 (whichever is most closely related) when determining eligibility for a population based on age (as a child), pregnancy, or status as a caretaker relative, with the exceptions described below in B. through G.

B. Use of Less Restrictive Methodologies

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C. Financial Responsibility of Relatives

1. In determining financial eligibility for an individual, the state does not include income and resources from anyone other than the individual's spouse, and for individuals under age 21 or who have blindness or disability, the individual's parent.

a.The state includes the income and resources of a spouse or parent only when they are living with the individual in the same household, except as follows:

i. In the case of spouses who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or disability and who share the same room in a Medicaid institution, the state:

(1) Considers these couples either as living together or as living separately for the purpose of counting income and resources, whichever is more advantageous to the couple.

 (2) Considers these couples as living separately for the purpose of counting income and resources.

ii. Where applicable, the state determines income and resource eligibility consistent with the spousal impoverishment rules of section 1924 of the Act, as described in the Resource Assessment and Eligibility reviewable unit.

b. In the case of individuals under age 21 for whom AFDC is the most closely related cash assistance program, the income and resources of parents and spouses are included only if the individual would have been considered a dependent under the state's approved AFDC state plan in effect as of July 16, 1996.

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D. Family Size

- 1. The family size of an individual for whom the SSI income and resource methodologies are used (as described in section A) includes the persons identified below:
 - a. The individual applying, or
 - b. If the individual lives together with his or her spouse, the individual applying and the spouse, or
 - c. If the individual lives together with his or her parent(s) and the individual is under 21 or has blindness or a disability, the individual applying and the parent(s).
- 2. The family size of an individual for whom the AFDC income and resource methodologies are used (as described in section A.), includes the persons who would have been included in the family under the state's July 16, 1996 AFDC state plan, except where the state has elected to use the MAGI-like methodologies (as described in section E).
- 3. The state defines family size for one or more of the following FPL eligibility groups to include others beyond those identified in D.1. and D.2.

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No

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E. Use of MAGI-like Methodologies

1. The state uses MAGI-like methodologies for one or more populations for who program in effect as of July 16, 1996.	om the most closely related cash assistance program would be the AFDC
• Yes	
○ No	
2. The election to use MAGI-like methodologies is described on the RU for each	applicable eligibility group.
3. The MAGI-like methodology is consistent with 42 CFR 435.603(b) through (f) we except:	vith respect to definitions, household income, and definition of household,
	a. The agency elects to use the MAGI definition of parent when considering the financial responsibility of relatives, which includes natural or biological parents, as well as adopted parents and stepparents.
	• Yes
	○No
	b. Less restrictive methodologies can be used, as described in section B.
	c. The financial responsibility requirements for relatives are applicable, as described in section $C.$
	d. The countable income deductions for the medically needy are applicable, when the MAGI-like methodologies are applied to the medically needy, as

described in section F.

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F. Countable Income Deductions for the Medically Needy

In determining countable income for individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability, the state deducts:

- 1. Amounts that would be deducted in determining eligibility under SSI.
- 2. The highest amounts that would be deducted in determining eligibility for optional state supplements if these supplements are paid to all individuals who are receiving SSI or would be eligible for SSI except for their income.

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Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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Mandatory Coverage

A. The state provides Medicaid to mandatory groups of individuals. The mandatory groups covered are:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 😯	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Infants and Children under Age 19	9	С		0	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	ø			0	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women	P			0	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns	P			0	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care	P	Г		0	NEW
Former Foster Care Children	ø	С		0	NEW
Fransitional Medical Assistance	ø	С		0	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections	9			0	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 🕢	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
SSI Beneficiaries	P			0	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups	P			0	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI	9			0	NEW
Working Individuals under 1619(b)	9			0	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	9			0	NEW
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals	P			0	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	Ø			0	NEW

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Qualifying Individuals	9			0	NEW

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B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119.

O Yes 💿 No

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:

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N/A

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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.
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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	ø			0	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21	P	Г		0	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance	P			0	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents	®	Г		0	CONVERTED
Optional Targeted Low Income Children	®			0	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65	P			0	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer	P	С		0	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services	P			0	NEW
Individuals with Tuberculosis	Ø			0	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage	ø			0	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	9			0	NEW

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 😯	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🕢
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization	Ø			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules	Ø			0	APPROVED
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	Ø			0	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level	Ø	⊏		0	NEW
PACE Participants	•			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice	®			0	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability	Ø			0	NEW
Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level	Ø			0	NEW
Work Incentives	P			0	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic	(2)			0	NEW
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements	Ø			0	NEW
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability	®			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services	Ø			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers	Ø			0	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 O 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	ø			0	NEW
Medically Needy Children under Age 18	9	С		0	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	9			0	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	ø			0	NEW
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	Ø	Г		0	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	Ø	С		0	NEW

Optional Eligibility Groups

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

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Individuals who would be eligible for Medicaid if they were in an institution and who receive home and community-based services.

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The state operates the Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

- 1. Would be eligible for Medicaid if in a medical institution.
- 2. But for the provision of home and community-based services under a waiver granted under section 1915(c), (d) or (e) of the Act:
 - a. For waivers granted under 1915(c), the individuals would otherwise require the level of care furnished in a hospital, a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
 - b. For waivers granted under 1915(d) or (e), the individuals would otherwise require the level of care furnished in a hospital or nursing facility.
- 3. Will receive the waivered services.

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B. Income and Resource Methodologies

would be eligible if in an institution.		
2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.		
• Yes		
○ No		
The less restrictive income methodologies are:		
A percentage of earned income is disregarded.	Percentage:	550.00%

1. The income and resource methodologies used for this group are those used to determine eligibility for a state plan group under which the individual

Yes			
○ No			

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Cash Asset Resource Disregard	Cash assets can be up to the amount of \$13,000 for a single individual and \$24,000 for a couple.
Monthly Status	If resources are below the applicable standard at any time during the month, the individual is eligible on the factor of resources for that month.

Description of disregard: 550 percent of the Federal Benefit

Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

Description of disregard: Pursuant to 42 CFR 435.601(d) and (f) (2), the value of property which exceeds the \$2,000 asset limit may be excluded if the applicant or recipient provides evidence of good faith effort to sell the property.

> Proceeds from the sale of the property will be countable resources to the individual unless the individual plans

to use them to buy an excluded home within three calendar months of receiving them.

Coverage provided to children who

reached age 18 and are under 21 who were in foster care when they turned 18, or after reaching 16, were adopted

from foster care or placed with a court-approved dependency guardian and spent a minimum of 6 months in foster care within the 12 months immediately preceding placement or adoption, without regard to a

resource test that is otherwise required.

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:
Burial Disregard Methodology	The methodologies used in the SSI program in the determination of amounts set aside for burial shall be used with the following exceptions: - Up to \$2500 of resources may be excluded if designated as burial funds. - Burial funds must be kept separate from, and not commingled with, non-burial resources unless the resources cannot be separated or it is unreasonable to require it. Burial fund accounts for prior months may be commingled with non-burial funds. - Resources may be designated as burial funds for any month including the three months prior to the month of application. - The \$2500 exclusion is not reduced by the value of excluded life insurance policies or irrevocable burial contracts.

L	_ The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.
	Resources set aside for retirement
	Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA)

Description: Participants can have a retirement account recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

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C. Income and Resource Standards

The income and resource standards used for this group are those used to determine eligibility for a state plan group under which the individual would be eligible if in an institution.

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D. Additional Information (optional)

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