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# WA - Submission Package - WA2021MS0001O - (WA-21-0002) - Eligibility

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### **Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services**

June 14, 2021

Sue Birch Health Care Authority Director Health Care Authority PO Box 45502 Olympia WA, WA 98504

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment WA-21-0002

Dear Ms. Birch,

On March 25, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-21-0002, which proposed to adopt a new resource disregard under the authority of section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act.

We approve Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-21-0002 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Nikki Lemmon at nicole.lemmon@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott

Director, Division of Program Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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## **Package Information**

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Submitted By Ann Myers

**Package Disposition** 



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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**

Specified Low Income

Medicare Beneficiaries

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Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ②
Infants and Children under Age 19		$ \mathbf{\Xi} $		0	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	•		$\Box$	0	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women	9	<b>⊘</b>		0	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns	9	$\square$		0	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care	9	<b>2</b>		0	NEW
Former Foster Care Children	P	$ \mathbf{\Sigma} $		0	NEW
Transitional Medical Assistance	P	<b>~</b>		0	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections	<b>P</b>	¥		0	NEW
Aged, Blind and Disabled	ı				
Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 2
SSI Beneficiaries	P	<b>&gt;</b>		0	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups	•	$ \mathbf{Z} $		0	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI	9			0	NEW
Working Individuals under 1619(b)	P	$\square$	D	0	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	9	$\overline{\mathbf{Z}}$	$\Box$	0	APPROVED
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals	P			0	NEW

Eligibility Group Name

Covered In State Plan

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#### **Mandatory Eligibility Groups** MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | WA2021MS0001O | WA-21-0002 **Package Header** Package ID WA2021MS00010 SPA ID WA-21-0002 Submission Type Official Initial Submission Date 3/25/2021 Approval Date 6/14/2021 Effective Date 1/1/2021 Superseded SPA ID WA-20-0030 User-Entered B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119. O Yes 🧶 No **Families and Adults** Include RU In Package Included in Another **Eligibility Group Name** Covered In State Plan Source Type ② **Submission Package**

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

Adult Group

## Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

#### **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries**

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Individuals with income equal to or less than 100% of the FPL, who are entitled to Medicare Part A, and who qualify for Medicare cost-sharing.

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The state covers the mandatory qualified Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

#### A. Characteristics

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

- 1. Are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII (Medicare Part A), including individuals who have purchased a premium to enroll in Part A.
- 2. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.

#### **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries**

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## **B. Financial Methodologies**

	<ol> <li>SSI methodologies are used in calculating</li> </ol>	z household income.	Please refer as necessar	v to Non-MAGI Methodologies	, completed by the sta
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Yes

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The less restrictive income methodologies are:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to

census activities are excluded.

☑ The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

Description:

Income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

MSP

When determining the available income of an individual for the QMB or SLMB program the agency shall exclude from countable income an amount equal to that expended on medical expenses.

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

Yes

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:

Description:

Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI

Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives

eligibility groups.

Name of resource type: Description: Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent Sales contract resource with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted. All funds in IDA accounts funded IDA account under the Assets for Independence Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are 20 days not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful. When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, Holocaust survivor exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets. The following less restrictive methodologies are used: Name of methodology: Description: Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-ofincome (PETI) rules but which FFCRA plus 12 became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve

months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

#### **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries**

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### C. Income Standard Used

The amount of the income standard for this group is 100% FPL.

#### D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

#### **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

Medical assistance is limited to payment of co-insurance and deductibles for Medicare Parts A, B and C and payment for the premiums for Medicare Parts A and B.

Medical assistance begins the first day of the month following the month in which the individual is determined to qualify for this eligibility group.

## **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries**

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## **Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage**

#### **Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries**

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | WA2021MS00010 | WA-21-0002

Individuals with income above 100% and below 120% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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The state covers the mandatory specified low income Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

#### A. Characteristics

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

- 1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.
- 2. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

## Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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B. Financial Methodologies		
<ul> <li>1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to be a selected as a selected process.</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul>	essary to Non-MAGI Methodologies,	completed by the state.
The less restrictive income methodologies are:		
Census Bureau wages are disregarded.	Description of disregard:	Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities are excluded.
The following less restrictive methodologies are used:		
	Name of methodology:	Description:
	Income tax obligation	Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility
	MSP	When determining the available income of an individual for the QMB or SLMB program the agency shall exclude from countable income an amount equal to that expended on medical expenses.
3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.  • Yes  • No		
The less restrictive resource methodologies are:		
. A specified type of resource is disregarded:		
Example of resource is disregarded:		
	Name of resource type:	Description:

Name of resource type.	Description:
Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI	Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.

#### Name of resource type: Description: Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent Sales contract resource with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted. All funds in IDA accounts funded IDA account under the Assets for Independence Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are 20 days not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful. When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, Holocaust survivor exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
FFCRA plus 12	Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the

month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

## **Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries**

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## C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be above 100% FPL and below 120% FPL.

### **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

#### **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.

## **Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries**

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## Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

#### **Qualifying Individuals**

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Individuals with income at or above 120% and below 135% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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The state covers the mandatory qualifying individuals group in accordance with the following provisions:

#### A. Characteristics

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

- 1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.
- 2. Are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid under the state plan.
- 3. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

### Qualifying Individuals

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### **B. Financial Methodologies**

<ol> <li>SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income</li> </ol>	. Please refer as necessar	v to Non-MAGI Methodologies.	completed by the state
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2.	Less restrictiv	e methodoloį	gies are u	sed in cal	lculating	countable income.
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Yes

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The less restrictive income methodologies are:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to

census activities are excluded.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

Description:

Income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

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

Yes

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The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:

Description:

Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI

Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.

Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was

the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an

Sales contract resource

exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

IDA account

All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence

Act

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of resource type:

20 days

Description:

Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is

unsuccessful.

When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, Holocaust survivor exclude recoveries of insurance

proceeds or other assets.

Name of methodology:

Description:

Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-ofincome (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health

emergency ends.

FFCRA plus 12

## **Qualifying Individuals**

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## C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be at or above 120% FPL and below 135% FPL.

#### **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

#### **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part 8 premiums.

## **Qualifying Individuals**

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## **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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## A. Options for Coverage

• 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**

Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for

Institutionalization

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 2
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	P			0	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21	9	Ø		0	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance	•	$ \mathbf{Z} $		0	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents	<b>9</b>			0	NEW
Optional Targeted Low Income Children	•			0	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65	9			0	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer	•	$\boxtimes$		0	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services	<b>(2)</b>		1_3	0	NEW
Individuals with Tuberculosis	•			0	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage	•	□		0	NEW
Aged, Blind and Disabled	d				
Eligibility Group Name		Covered in State Plan	Include RU in Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ②
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance	9	Ø		0	APPROVED

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ②
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules	P			0	APPROVED
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	•			0	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level	9	$\square$		0	NEW
PACE Participants	•	Ø		0	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice	•	<b>S</b>		0	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability	<b>***</b>		D	0	NEW
Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level	9			0	NEW
Work Incentives	P	<b>V</b>		0	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Basic	P	. <b>2</b>		0	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements	9			0	APPROVED
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability	7			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services	•		m	0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers	9			0	NEW

#### **Optional Eligibility Groups** MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | WA2021MS00010 | WA-21-0002 **Package Header** Package ID WA2021MS0001O SPA ID WA-21-0002 Submission Type Official Initial Submission Date 3/25/2021 Approval Date 6/14/2021 Effective Date 1/1/2021 Superseded SPA ID WA-20-0030 User-Entered **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** Include RU In Package Included in Another **Eligibility Group Name** Covered In State Plan Source Type 3 **Submission Package** Medically Needy Y NEW Pregnant Women Medically Needy NEW Children under Age 18 Aged, Blind and Disabled Include RU In Package Included in Another **Eligibility Group Name** Covered In State Plan Source Type 🔞 0 **Submission Package** Protected Medically Needy Individuals Who 1 **V** NEW Were Eligible in 1973 2. Optional Medically Needy: **Families and Adults** Include RU In Package Included in Another **Eligibility Group Name Covered In State Plan** Source Type 🔞 0 **Submission Package** Medically Needy Reasonable Classifications of Ø NEW Individuals under Age Medically Needy Parents and Other NEW Caretaker Relatives Aged, Blind and Disabled

Include RU In Package

Covered In State Plan

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**Eligibility Group Name** 

Medically Needy Populations Based on

Age, Blindness or Disability Included in Another

**Submission Package** 

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## **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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## C. Additional Information (optional)

Effective January 1, 2019, Washington no longer covers the Medicaid eligibility group for individuals who qualify on the basis of receiving optional state supplement payments (1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XI) 42 CFR 435.232 and 435.434).

## **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

## **Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage**

## Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

MEDICAID | Medicaid State Plan | Eligibility | WA2021MS00010 | WA-21-0002

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 criter	ndividuals qualifying	under this	eligibility	group must	meet the f	ollowing o	riteria:
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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

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## 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.
- Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

○ No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to

census activities are excluded.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

Description:

Income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

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

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The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:

Description:

Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal

place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must

provide a

property sales contract

reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in

the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

<sup>[2]</sup> A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
One-half resources	Effective January 1, 1989, it is presumed that one-half of the total resources held jointly by the husband and wife, or held separately by the applicant/recipient, are owned by each spouse (TN 89-2, Approved 8/17/90)
Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI	Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.
IDA account	All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act
20 days	Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful.
Holocaust survivor	When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.
Non-exempt resources	Non-exempt resources in excess of the Medically Needy resource levels can, at the individuals option, be reduced by allowable incurred expenses as long as such expenses have not been used to reduce excess income.
FFCRA plus 12	Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

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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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# Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

## Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization

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Individuals who would be eligible for federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement, except for institutionalization.

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The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

#### A. Characteristics

Indi	/iduals	qualifying	under thi	s eligibility	group must	meet the	following	criteria:
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1. Are in a medical institution.
2. Would meet the eligibility requirements for at least one of the following cash assistance programs, but for the lower income standards used to determine eligibility for institutionalized individuals:
☑ a. SSI
b. Optional State Supplement
☑ c. AFDC

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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. 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.

2. In calculating household income and resources for populations for which AFDC is the most closely related program, the following methodology(ies) are used:

🐧 a. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

Name of methodology:

• b. AFDC methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

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

Yes

C No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

Between the following percentages of the FPL:

Between the medically needy

income limit and a percentage of the FPL:

Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate

and:

Between other income standards:

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

**Between this standard:** TANF payment standard by family size

and this standard: AFDC payment standard by family size

Description:

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community income	Effective July 1, 1986, if the community income received in the name of the non-applicant or ineligible spouse, living in a separate residence, exceeds the community income received in the name of the applicant/recipient spouse, the applicant/recipient spouse's interest in that excess is considered unavailable to the applicant/recipient.
income tax obligation	Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility
FBR and CN	Disregard income equal to the difference between the Federal Benefit Rate and the Categorically Needy Income Level for individuals and couples as in effect on January 1, 2002

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

Yes

○ No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type: Description: Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the property sales contract interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
One-half resources	Effective January 1, 1989, it is presumed that one-half of the total resources held jointly by the husband and wife, or held separately by the applicant/recipient, are owned by each spouse (TN 89-2, Approved 8/17/90)
Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI	Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.
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20 days	Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful.
Holocaust survivor	When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.
Non-exempt resources	Non-exempt resources in excess of the Medically Needy resource levels can, at the individuals option, be reduced by allowable incurred expenses as long as such expenses have not been used to reduce excess income.

Name of methodology:

Description:

FFCRA plus 12

Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19

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## **D. Income Standard Used**

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#### **E. Resource Standard Used**

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

## Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization

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# **Medicaid State Plan Eligibility**

### Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

#### Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability

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Individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability who do not qualify as categorically needy.

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The state covers the optional Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability 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:

a. Are age 65 or older;

b. Have blindness; or

c. Have a disability.

- 2. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.
- 3. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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#### **B.** Individuals Covered

The state covers the following populations:

- 🗹 1. Individuals age 65 or older
- 2. Individuals with blindness
- 3. Individuals who have a disability

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### C. Financial Methodologies

1. The state uses the same financial methodology for all individuals covered.

Yes

( No

2. The financial methodology used is:

a. SSI methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

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

Yes No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Wages

Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employme nt related to census activities are excluded.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

income tax

obligation

Description:

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

Maintenance for MN

Income of an individual is exempt in an amount equal to the maintenance allowance of the individual's spouse, living in the same household, who is eligible under clause (VI) of section 1902 (a) (10) (A) (ii) of the Act, less the income of the spouse.

Name of methodology:

Description:

Effective July 1, 1986, if the community income received in the name of the nonapplicant or ineligible spouse, living in a separate residence, exceeds the community

community income

income received in the name of the applicant/recipient spouse, the applicant/recipient spouse's interest in that excess is considered unavailable to the applicant/recipient.

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

Yes

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

Description of disregard: Non-cash

resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessf

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

> Resourc es set aside in an Assets for Indepe ndence Act (IDA) account

Resourc es set aside in Indepe ndence/ Freedo m account s

**Description:** All funds in

IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independe nce Act

**Description:** Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in

the Ticket

and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

FFCRA plus 12

Description:

Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and communitybased waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public

health emergency

ends.

Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated

within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

sales contract

Name of Description: methodology: Non-exempt resources in excess of the Medically Needy resource levels can, at the individuals option, LTC MN excess be reduced by resources allowable incurred expenses as long as such expenses have not been used to reduce excess income. When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor Holocaust survivor, proceeds exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets. Effective January 1, 1989, it is presumed that one-half of the total resources held jointly by the husband and wife, or One-half resources

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### **D. Income Standard Used**

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

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### **E. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

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## F. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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