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RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 19-0002

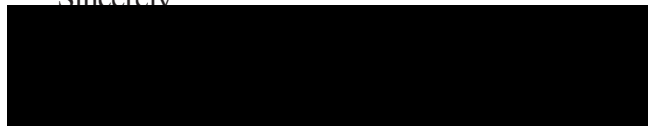
Dear Ms. Birch and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number WA 19-0002. This is a technical update to add the non-MAGI methodologies and the current state plan coverage of mandatory and optional eligibility groups in the MACPro system.

This SPA was approved on May 3, 2019, with an effective date of January 1, 2019. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 summary form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Washington State Plan.

If there are additional questions please contact me, or your staff may contact Maria Garza at maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov or (206) 615-2542.

Sincerely



David L. Meacham
Deputy Director

cc:
Ann Myers, SPA Coordinator

Package Information

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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

May 3, 2019

Sue Birch
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Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment WA-19-0002

Dear Sue Birch:

On February 15, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-19-0002 to add the non-MAGI methodologies and the current state plan coverage of mandatory and optional eligibility groups in the MACPro system..

We approve Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-19-0002 on May 03, 2019 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2019.

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If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact MARIA GARZA at (206) 615-2542 or maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
David L. Meacham
Deputy Director
Division of Medicaid and Children's
Health Operations

Submission - Summary

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Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
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Non-MAGI Methodologies	1/1/2019	92-16 11-01
Mandatory Eligibility Groups	1/1/2019	WA-14-0024
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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

1. The state elects to apply income and/or resources methodologies that are less restrictive than those used under the cash assistance programs, in accordance with 42 CFR 435.601(d).

Yes

No

2. The less restrictive income and resource methodologies are described on the RU for each applicable eligibility group.

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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.

- Yes
- No

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E. Use of MAGI-like Methodologies

1. The state uses MAGI-like methodologies for one or more populations for whom the most closely related cash assistance program would be the AFDC program in effect as of July 16, 1996.

- Yes
 No

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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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G. Additional Information (optional)

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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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Transitional Medical Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
SSI Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Working Individuals under 1619(b)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

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Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Qualifying Individuals	?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

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

Yes No

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Adult Group		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED

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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Optional Eligibility Groups

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A. Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals. *

Yes No

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

Families and Adults

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
















Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

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Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package 	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 
Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules		<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
PACE Participants		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Work Incentives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Basic		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements		<input checked="" 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

Optional Eligibility Groups

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B. Medically Needy Options for Coverage

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

Yes No

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

1. Mandatory Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

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

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

2. Optional Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

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

Aged, Blind and Disabled

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

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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

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