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Region 10
2201 Sixth Avenue, MS/RX 43
Seattle, Washington 98121

MAR 18 2010

William Hogan, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
Post Office Box 110601
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0601

RE: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number #09-006

Dear Mr. Hogan:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number (TN) #09-006. This amendment implements more liberal disregards of Americorps payments for purpose of determining eligibility for individuals in the AFDC-related eligibility groups. The disregard for the SSI-related eligibility groups is already exempt during the SSI determination process; therefore, it is not necessary in the State plan. The changes are in Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A page 4 and Supplement 14 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 2a.

This SPA is approved effective July 1, 2009.

If you have additional questions or require further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact Maria Garza at (206) 615-2542 or Maria.Garza@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Barbara K. Richards
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health
Operations

cc:
William Streur, Deputy Commissioner
Jerry Fuller, Medicaid Director
Michelle Lyons-Brown, State Plan Coordinator

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
09-06

2. STATE
Alaska

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2009

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

- NEW STATE PLAN
- AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
- AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
ARRA of 2009 P.L. 111-5 Section 5004
1902(r)(2) of the Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY ~~10~~ 09 (pti) \$0
b. FFY ~~11~~ 10 (pti) \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 4 (pti)
Supplement 14 to Attachment 2.6-A, pg. 2a (pti)

N/A

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

More Liberal Methods of Treating Americorps Income Under Section 1902(r) (2) of the Act

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
- COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
- NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL
- OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Does not wish to comment.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME: Jerry Fuller

14. TITLE: Medicaid Director,
Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED: September 28, 2009

16. RETURN TO:

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
PO Box 110601
Juneau, AK 99811-0601

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED: SEP 28 2009

18. DATE APPROVED: MAR 18 2010

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JUL 01 2009

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME: BARBARA K. RICHARDS

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid &
Children's Health

23. REMARKS:

3/05/2010 - State authorizes pen & ink changes.

VI. Beginning July 1, 2009, all AmeriCorps payments, including living stipends, are disregarded as income for purposes of determining eligibility for individuals in the all AFDC-related eligibility groups as outlined below:

1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) qualified pregnant women and infants,

1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) poverty-level related pregnant women and infants,

1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) poverty-level related children aged 1 up to 6,

1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) poverty-level related children aged 6 up to 19,

1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and (IV) for children under 1905(a)(i), parents/caretaker relatives under 1905(a)(ii), and pregnant women under 1905(a)(viii),

1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VIII) State subsidized adoption children,

1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX) optional poverty-level related pregnant women and infants,

1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIV) optional targeted low-income children.

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Approval Date: _____
Supersedes TN No: N/A

Less Restrictive Income Standards –con't:

- j. Beginning July 1, 2009, all AmeriCorps payments, including living stipends, are disregarded as income for purposes of determining eligibility.