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RE: Alaska State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 13-0036-MM1

Dear Mr. Streur:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 13-0036-MM1, submitted on May 12, 2014. This SPA updates the income level for inflation in PDF S52 for optional reasonable classifications of individuals under the age of 21 in the Medicaid State Plan.

This SPA is approved effective April 1, 2014.

If you have any additional questions or require further assistance, please contact me or have your staff contact Janice Adams at (206) 615-2541 or janice.adams@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Medicaid State Plan Eligibility: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: Alaska

Transmittal Number:

Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

AK-13-0036

Proposed Effective Date

04/01/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV) and 42 CFR 435.222

Federal Budget Impact

| | Federal Fiscal Year | Amount |
|-------------|---------------------|---------|
| First Year | 2014 | \$ 0.00 |
| Second Year | 2015 | \$ 0.00 |

Subject of Amendment

MAGI related SPA's MAGI based eligibility groups - this is an amendment to S 52 to update the income standards for 2014.

Governor's Office Review

- Governor's office reported no comment
- Comments of Governor's office received

Describe:

No reply received within 45 days of submittal

- Other, as specified

Describe:

Does not wish to comment.

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: Gennifer Moreau
Last Revision Date: May 15, 2014
Submit Date: May 12, 2014



Medicaid Eligibility

OMB Control Number 0938-1148

OMB Expiration date: 10/31/2014

Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage Reasonable Classification of Individuals under Age 21 S52

42 CFR 435.222
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I)
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV)

Reasonable Classification of Individuals under Age 21 - The state elects to cover one or more reasonable classifications of individuals under age 21 who are not mandatorily eligible and who have income at or below a standard established by the state and in accordance with provisions described at 42 CFR 435.222.

Yes No

The state attests that it operates this eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

- Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must qualify under a reasonable classification by meeting the following criteria:
 - Be under age 21, or a lower age, as defined within the reasonable classification.
 - Have household income at or below the standard established by the state, if the state has an income standard for the reasonable classification.
 - Not be eligible and enrolled for mandatory coverage under the state plan.
- MAGI-based income methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to S10 MAGI-Based Income Methodologies, completed by the state.

The state covered at least one reasonable classification under this eligibility group under its Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013, with income standards higher (including disregarding all income) than the current mandatory income standards for the individual's age.

Yes No

The state also covered at least one reasonable classification under this group in the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010 with income standards higher (including disregarding all income) than the current mandatory income standards for the individual's age.

Yes No

Reasonable Classifications Covered in the Medicaid State Plan as of March 23, 2010

- The state attaches the approved pages from the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010 to indicate the age groups, reasonable classifications, and income standards used at that time for this eligibility group.

An attachment is submitted.

Current Coverage of All Children under a Specified Age



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The state covers all children under a specified age limit, equal to or higher than the age limit and/or income standard used in the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, provided the income standard is higher than the current mandatory income standard for the individual's age. The age limit and/or income standard used must be no higher than any age limit and/or income standard covered in the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013. Higher income standards may include the disregard of all income.

Yes No

Indicate below the age under which all children are covered under this eligibility group, based on a specific age group used previously in the Medicaid state plan or under a Demonstration, which is equal to or higher than the age group for coverage of all children in the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010.

Under age 21 Under age 20 Under age 19 Under age 18

Enter the income standard used for this age group. The standard must be higher than the mandatory income standard for the individual's age, not more restrictive than that used in the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010 and not less restrictive than that used in the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013.

Income standard used

Minimum income standard

The minimum income standard for this classification of children is the AFDC payment standard in effect as of July 16, 1996, not converted to MAGI-equivalent. This standard is described in S14 AFDC Income Standards.

Maximum income standard

No income test was used (all income was disregarded) for this classification either in the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013.

Yes No

The state certifies that it has submitted and received approval for its converted income standards for this classification of children to MAGI-equivalent standards and the determination of the maximum income standard to be used for this classification of children under this eligibility group.

An attachment is submitted.

The state's maximum income standard for this classification of children (which must exceed the minimum for the classification) is:

The state's effective income level for this classification of children under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.

The state's effective income level for this classification of children under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.



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- The state's effective income level for this classification of children under a Medicaid 1115
- Demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.

- The state's effective income level for this classification of children under a Medicaid 1115
- Demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.

Enter the amount of the maximum income standard:

- A percentage of the federal poverty level: %

- The state's AFDC payment standard in effect as of July 16, 1996, converted to a MAGI-equivalent standard. This standard is described in S14 AFDC Income Standards. This option should only be selected for children 19 and older, and only if the state has not elected to cover the Adult Group.
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- The state's TANF payment standard, converted to a MAGI-equivalent standard. This standard is described in S14 AFDC Income Standards. This option should only be selected for children 19 and older, and only if the state has not elected to cover the Adult Group.
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- Other dollar amount

Income Standard Entry - Dollar Amount - Automatic Increase Option S13a

The standard is as follows:

- Statewide standard
- Standard varies by region
- Standard varies by living arrangement
- Standard varies in some other way

Enter the statewide standard

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| | Household size | Standard (\$) | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 1 | 1,352 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 | 2,110 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3 | 2,525 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4 | 2,939 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 5 | 3,354 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6 | 3,768 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 7 | 4,182 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 8 | 4,596 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 9 | 5,011 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10 | 5,425 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Additional incremental amount

Yes No

Increment amount \$

The dollar amounts increase automatically each year

Yes No

The basis of the increase is

CPI-U

Other basis

Name:

The annual increase occurs in the month and day indicated:

Every Month: Day:

Income standard chosen

Individuals qualify under this classification under the following income standard:

The minimum standard.

The maximum income standard.

If not chosen as the maximum income standard, the state's effective income level for this classification under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.



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- If not chosen as the maximum income standard, and if higher than the effective income level used under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, the state's effective income level for this classification under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.
- If not chosen as the maximum income standard, and if higher than the effective income level used under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, the state's effective income level for this classification under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.
- If not chosen as the maximum income standard, and if higher than the effective income level used under the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, the state's effective income level for this classification under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of December 31, 2013, converted to a MAGI-equivalent percent of FPL or amounts by household size.
- Another income standard in-between the minimum and maximum standards allowed, provided it is higher than the effective income level for this classification in the state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI equivalent.

Current Coverage of Reasonable Classifications Covered in the Medicaid State Plan as of March 23, 2010

The state covers reasonable classifications of children previously covered in the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, with income standards higher than the current mandatory income standard for the age group. Age limits and income standards are equal to or higher than the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, but no higher than any age limit and/or income standard for this classification covered in the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013. Higher income standards may include the disregard of all income.

Yes No

Other Reasonable Classifications Previously Covered

The state covers reasonable classifications of children not covered in the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010, but covered under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013 with an income standard higher than the current mandatory income standard for the age group.

Yes No

The additional previously covered reasonable classifications to be included are:

Additional Previously Covered Reasonable Classifications Included

| Reasonable Classifications of Children | S11 |
|---|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals for whom public agencies are assuming full or partial financial responsibility. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals in adoptions subsidized in full or part by a public agency | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals in nursing facilities, if nursing facility services are provided under this plan | |



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Individuals receiving active treatment as inpatients in psychiatric facilities or programs, if such services are provided under this plan

Other reasonable classifications

| | Name of classification | Description | Age Limit | |
|---|------------------------|---|--------------|---|
| + | 2101(f)-Like Children | Children under age 19 who were enrolled in Medicaid on 12/31/2013 and would otherwise become ineligible for Medicaid at their first redetermination using MAGI methodologies solely due to the loss of income disregards will remain Medicaid eligible until their next redetermination using MAGI methodologies. | Under age 19 | X |

Enter the income standard used for these classifications (which must be higher than the mandatory standard for the child's age but may be no higher than the highest standard used in the state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013).

[Click here once S11 form above is complete to view the income standards form.](#)

2101(f)-Like Children

Income standard used

Minimum income standard

The minimum income standard for this classification of children must exceed the lowest income standard chosen for children under this age under the Infants and Children under Age 19 eligibility group.

Maximum income standard

No income test was used (all income was disregarded) for this classification either in the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013.

Yes No

No income test was used (all income was disregarded) for this classification under:

(check all that apply)

The Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010.

The Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013.

A Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010.

A Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of December 31, 2013.



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The state's maximum standard for this classification of children is no income test (all income is disregarded).

- Income standard chosen

Individuals qualify under this classification under the following income standard:

- This classification does not use an income test (all income is disregarded).
- Another income standard higher than both the minimum income standard and the effective income level for this classification in the state plan as of March 23, 2010, converted to a MAGI equivalent.

Additional new age groups or reasonable classifications covered

If the state has not elected to cover the Adult Group (42 CFR 435.119), it may elect to cover additional new age groups or reasonable classifications that have not been covered previously. If the state covers the Adult Group, this additional option is not available, as the standard for the new age groups or classifications is lower than that used for mandatory coverage.

The state does not cover the Adult Group and elects the option to include in this eligibility group additional age groups or reasonable classifications that have not been covered previously in the state plan or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration. Any additional age groups or reasonable classifications not previously covered are restricted to the AFDC income standard from July 16, 1996, not converted to a MAGI-equivalent standard.

- Yes No

- There is no resource test for this eligibility group.

PRA Disclosure Statement

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