

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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Agency Citations

Groups Covered

B. Optional Groups Other Than the Medically Needy	
42 CFR 435.210 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) and 1905(a) of the Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Individuals described below who meet the income and resources requirements of AFDC, SSI, or an optional State supplement as specified in 42 CFR 435.230, but who do not receive cash assistance.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The plan covers all individuals as described above.  <input type="checkbox"/> The plan covers only the following group or groups of individuals:  _____ Aged _____ Blind _____ Disabled _____ Caretaker relatives _____ Pregnant women
42 CFR 435.211	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Individuals who would be eligible for AFDC, SSI or an optional State supplement as specified in 42 CFR 435.230, if they were not in a medical institution.

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<p>Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) And 1905(a) of the Social Security Act</p>	<p><b>Blind Individuals Who Would Otherwise Be Eligible For The SSI/SSP Program</b></p>
<p>42 CFR, Section 435.210</p>	<p>Beginning on July 1, 2009, individuals who are considered to be blind under Titles II or XVI of the Social Security Act and who would otherwise be eligible for SSI/SSP benefits and thus eligible for automatic Medi-Cal benefits if not for the July 1, 2009 reduction in the SSI/SSP payment levels, and any subsequent SSI/SSP payment level reduction, will be eligible if their income and resources, <u>based upon the more liberal methodologies</u> as indicated in Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A, including Page 6a, and those approved under Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A. This program shall remain in effect until and unless the SSI/SSP payment levels increase to a point that is above the levels in effect on June 30, 2009.</p>

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**METHODOLOGIES FOR TREATMENT OF INCOME THAT DIFFER FROM  
THOSE OF THE  
SSI AND AFDC PROGRAM  
(Less Restrictive than SSI and AFDC)**

1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I)  
1902(r)(2)

The more liberal methodologies described on this page shall apply to the program for the blind described on Attachment 2.2-A, pages 9c and 9c-1.

Countable income, as determined in accordance with Section 1902(m) of the Act, does not exceed an income standard equal to 100 percent of federal poverty level for 1 or 2 persons.

As permitted under Section 1902(r)(2) an income disregard of \$230 for an individual or in a case of a couple a \$310 income disregard. If such disregards are not sufficient to result in an effective income level equal to the SSI/SSP payment level for a disabled individual or, in the case of a couple, the SSI/SSP payment level for a disabled couple, then an income disregard sufficient to achieve that result.

Including a deduction, equal to the Medically-Needy maintenance need level for the number of ineligible members in the family budget unit. Please refer to Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 6 for Medically Needy maintenance need levels.

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