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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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REGION VIII - DENVER

July 31, 2018

Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director
Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
1570 Grant Street
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Dear Ms. Bimestefer:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0032. This amendment intends to submit a State Plan Amendment to update two SPA pages for Medicare Savings Programs that allow a higher resource limit. The Department is simply updating the language on resource standards in the state plan to align with the current operational standards.

Please be informed that this State Plan Amendment was approved July 30, 2018, with an effective date of April 1, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan page(s).


If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact Curtis Volesky at (303) 844-7033.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Allen
Associate Regional Administrator
Division for Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

cc: Gretchen Hammer
John Bartholomew
David DeNovellis
Russell Ziegler
Whitney McOwen

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-0032	2. STATE: COLORADO
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2018	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>): NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (<i>Separate transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Sections 1905(p)(1)(C) for the base regulation and 1902(r)(2) for the more liberal method		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2018-19: \$ <u> 0 </u> b. FFY 2019-20: \$ <u> 0 </u>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 2.6-A – Eligibility Conditions and Requirements (page 20) Page 3 of Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A – More Liberal Methods of Treating Resources Under Section 1902(r)(2) of the Act		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Attachment 2.6-A – Eligibility Conditions and Requirements (page 20) (TN 10-009) Page 3 of Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A – More Liberal Methods of Treating Resources Under Section 1902(r)(2) of the Act (TN 11-009)	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing intends to submit a State Plan Amendment to update two SPA pages for Medicare Savings Programs that allow a higher resource limit. The Department is updating the language on resource standards in the state plan to align with the current operational standards.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>): GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED Governor's letter dated 29 March, 2018 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
13. TYPED NAME: Gretchen Hammer		16. RETURN TO: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-1818 Attn: David DeNovellis	
14. TITLE: Medicaid Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: Initial: June 25, 2018; Update #1: July 12, 2018			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED June 25, 2018		18. DATE APPROVED July 30, 2018	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL April 1, 2018		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 	
21. TYPED NAME Richard C. Allen		22. TITLE ARA, DMCHO	
23. REMARKS			

State: Colorado

<u>Citation</u>		<u>Condition or Requirement</u>
1905(p)(1) (C) and 1902(r)(2) of- the Act	5. h.	<u>For Qualified Medicare beneficiaries covered under section 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) of the Act</u> the agency uses the following methods for treatment of resources: - The methods of the SSI program only. <u>x</u> The methods of the SSI program and/or more liberal methods as described in <u>Supplement 8b to ATTACHMENT 2.6-A.</u>
1905(s) of the Act	i.	For qualified disabled and working individuals covered under section 1902(a)(10)(E)(ii) of the Act, the agency uses SSI program methods for the treatment of resources.
1902(u) of the Act	j.	For COBRA continuation beneficiaries, the agency uses the following methods for treatment of resources: - The methods of the SSI program only. - More restrictive methods applied under section 1902(f) of the Act as described in <u>Supplement 5 to Attachment 2.6-A.</u>

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Colorado

MORE LIBERAL METHODS OF TREATING RESOURCES UNDER SECTION
1902(r)(2) OF THE ACT.

Sections 1902(f) state Non-Section 1902(f) state

1. The following resource methodology applies to individuals covered in Section
1902(a)(10)(E)(i)-(iii) (QMB, SLMB, and QI-1):

- Disregard an additional \$1,500 for individual and \$3,000 for couples
in resources

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