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Richard Armstrong, Director
Department of Health and Welfare
Towers Building – Tenth Floor
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Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

RE: Idaho State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number (TN) #10-002

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number #10-002. This amendment implements Section 112 of MIPPA, which increases the resource standards for QMBs, SLMBs and QIs to conform to the resources limits for individuals who qualify for Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS).

The changes are reflected in Attachment 2.2-A, pages 9b, 9b.1, 9b.2 and Attachment 2.6-A, page 22.

This SPA is approved effective January 1, 2010.

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

Sincerely,

Carol J.C. Peverly
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health
Operations

cc:

Leslie Clement, Administrator, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
Rachel Strutton, State Plan Coordinator, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
10-002

2. STATE
IDAHO

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
1/1/2010

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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

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:
1905(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2010 - \$12,738 (based on 4 approvals per month)
b. FFY 2011 - \$77,908 (based on 4 approvals per month)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 2.6-A, Page 22
Attachment 2.2-A, pgs. 9b, 9b1, 9b2 (pti)

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):
Attachment 2.6 A, Page 22
Attachment 2.2-A, pgs. 9b, 9b1, 9b2 (pti)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Medicare Savings Program resource limit increase to comply with the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA).

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:
LESLIE M. CLEMENT

14. TITLE:
Administrator

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 3/11/10

16. RETURN TO:

Leslie M. Clement, Administrator
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17. DATE RECEIVED: MAR 12 2010

18. DATE APPROVED: MAY 13 2010

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: JAN 01 2010

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME: Carol J. C. Peverly

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

23. REMARKS:

4.28.10 State authorized per link changes.

State: IDAHO

Agency* Citation(s)	Groups Covered
<p>1902 (a) (10) (E) (i), 1905 (p) and 1860D-14(a)(3)(D) of the Act</p> <p>1902 (a) (10) (E) (ii), 1905 (s), 1905 (p) (3) (A) (i), and 1860D-14(a)(3)(D) of the Act</p>	<p>A. <u>Mandatory Coverage — Categorically Needy and Other Required Special Groups (Continued)</u></p> <p>25. Qualified Medicare beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under Medicare Part A, (but not pursuant to an enrollment under section 1818A of the Act); b. Whose income does not exceed 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; and c. Whose resources do not exceed three times the SSI resource limit, adjusted annually by the increase in the consumer price index. <p>(Medical assistance for this group is limited to Medicare cost-sharing as defined in item 3.2 of this plan.)</p> <p>26. Qualified disabled and working individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under Medicare Part A under section 1818A of the Act; b. Whose income does not exceed 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; and c. Whose resources do not exceed twice the maximum standard under SSI. d. Who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Act. <p>(Medical assistance for this group is limited to Medicare Part A premiums under section 1818A of the Act.)</p> <p>* Agency that determines eligibility for coverage</p>

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<p>1902 (a) (10) (E) (iii), 1905 (p) (3) (A) (ii) and 1860D-14(a)(3)(D) of the Act</p> <p>1902(a)(10)(E)(iv), 1905(p)(3)(A)(ii) and 1860D-14(a)(3)(D) of the Act</p>	<p>A. <u>Mandatory Coverage — Categorically Needy and Other Required Special Groups (Continued)</u></p> <p>27. Specified low-income Medicare beneficiaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under Medicare Part A, (but not pursuant to an enrollment under section 1818A of the Act); b. Whose income is greater than 100 percent but less than 120 percent of the Federal poverty level; and c. Whose resources do not exceed three times the SSI resource limit, adjusted annually by the increase in the consumer price index. <p>(Medical assistance for this group is limited to Medicare Part B premiums under section 1839 of the Act.)</p> <p>28. Qualified Individuals –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under Medicare Part A (but not pursuant to an enrollment under 1818A of the Act); b. Whose income is at least 120 percent but less than 135 percent of the Federal poverty level; c. Whose resources do not exceed three times the SSI resource limit, adjusted annually by the increase in the consumer price index. <p>* Agency that determines eligibility for coverage</p>

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1634 (e) of the Act	<p>A. <u>Mandatory Coverage — Categorically Needy and Other Required Special Groups (Continued)</u></p> <p>29.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Each person to whom SSI benefits by reason of disability are not payable for any month solely by reason of clause (i) or (v) of Section 1611 (e) (3) (A) shall be treated, for purposes of title XIX, as receiving SSI benefits for the month.b. <input type="checkbox"/> The State applies more restrictive eligibility standards than those under SSI. Individuals whose eligibility for SSI benefits are based solely on disability who are not payable for any months solely by reason of clause (i) or (v) of Section 1611 (e) (3) (A), and who continue to meet the more restrictive requirements for Medicaid eligibility under the State plan, are eligible for Medicaid as categorically needy. <p>* Agency that determines eligibility for coverage</p>

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Citation	Condition or Requirement
1902(a)(10)(C)(i) of the Act	<p>7. Resource Standard — Medically Needy</p> <p>a. Resource standards are based on family size.</p> <p>b. A single standard is employed in determining resource eligibility for all groups.</p> <p>/ / c. In 1902(f) States, the resource standards are more restrictive than in 7.b. above for:</p> <p>/ / Aged</p> <p>/ / Blind</p> <p>/ / Disabled</p> <p><u>Supplement 2 to ATTACHMENT 2.6—A</u> specifies the resource standards for all covered medically needy groups. If the agency chooses more restrictive levels under 7.c., <u>Supplement 2</u> so indicates.</p>
1905(p)(1)(C) and (p)(2)(B) of the Act	<p>8. Resource Standard — Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries, and Qualified Individuals</p> <p>For qualified Medicare beneficiaries covered under Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(i) of the Act, specified low-income Medicare beneficiaries covered under Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) of the Act, and Qualifying Individuals covered under Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the Act, the resource standard is equal to the amount defined under Section 1905(p)(1)(C) of the Act.</p>
1905(s) of the Act	<p>9. Resource Standard — Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals</p> <p>For qualified disabled and working individuals covered under section 1902(a)(10)(E)(ii) of the Act, the resource standard for an individual or a couple (in the case of an individual with a spouse) is twice the SSI resource standard.</p>