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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

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

RE: Idaho State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 15-001¹

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 15-001. This transmittal updates the optional state supplement standards for special income level groups consistent with the published 2015 federal poverty levels.

This SPA is approved effective January 1, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Frank Schneider.

Frank Schneider
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health
Operations

cc:
Denise Chuckovich, Deputy Director
Lisa Hettinger, Medicaid Benefits Administrator

¹ The CMS reference number for this SPA is 15-0001

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

2. STATE
IDAHO

15-001

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 1, 2015

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:

- 42 CFR 435.1010 MOE for mandatory state supplement
- 42 CFR 435.1011 MOE for optional state supplement
- 42 CFR 435.1005-300 Institutional Need Standard
- Section 1924 of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

FFY 2014 \$0 (zero dollars)
FFY 2015 \$0 (zero dollars)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 5
Supplement 6 to Attachment 2.6-A, pages 1 and 1b
Supplement 13 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 1

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 5
Supplement 6 to Attachment 2.6-A, pages 1 and 1b
Supplement 13 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 1

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Resource limits / 2015 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

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:

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:

Lisa Hettinger

14. TITLE:

Administrator

15. DATE SUBMITTED: 2/24/15

16. RETURN TO:

Lisa Hettinger, Administrator
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Division of Medicaid
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Boise ID 83720-0009

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED: 2/24/2015

18. DATE APPROVED: 4/23/15

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
01/01/2015

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME:

Frank Schneider

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

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: IDAHO

INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS (Continued)

3. Aged and Disabled Individuals

The levels for determining income eligibility for groups of aged and disabled individuals under the provisions of section 1902(m)(1) of the Act are as follows:

Based on _____ percent of the official Federal income poverty line.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Income Level</u>
1	\$
2	\$
3	\$
4	\$
5	\$

4. Special Income Level for Institutionalized Individuals

The income eligibility level for aged, blind and disabled individuals who are institutionalized for 30 consecutive days is:

NF/ICF-MR - \$2,199 - effective 1/1/2015

State: IDAHO
Standards for Optional State Supplementary Payments

Payment Category (Reasonable Classification)	Administered by		Income Level				Income Disregards Employed
	Federal	State	Gross		Net		
(1)	(2)		1 person	Couple	1 person	couple	(5)
(1)			(3)		(4)		(5)
Aged, Blind, Disabled – Living Independently, Including room and board paid to a parent, child or sibling.		X	\$2,199	\$4,398	\$816*	\$1,200**	Income disregards of the SSI program. * Includes \$50 special needs allowance described in Supplement 6 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 1.a. **The couple's net income level is equal to the SSI couple's amount. The amount listed also includes the \$50 special needs allowance for each person described in Supplement 6 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 1.a.
Aged, Blind, Disabled – Room and Board		X	\$2,199	\$4,398	\$911	\$1,822	
Aged, Blind, Disabled – Semi-Independent Group Residential Facility		X	\$2,199	\$4,398	\$911	\$1,822	
Aged, Blind, Disabled – Residential and Assisted Living Facility and Certified Family Home							
Level I		X	\$2,199	\$4,398	\$1,052	\$2,104	
Level II		X	\$2,199	\$4,398	\$1,119	\$2,238	
Level III		X	\$2,199	\$4,398	\$1,186	\$2,372	

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STATE: IDAHO

Income Limits by Living Situation	
Living Situation	Medicaid Income Limit
Independent: Single Individual Couple	\$766 (\$766-Basic Allowance) \$1,100 (\$1,100-Basic Allowance)
Room and Board	\$911 (\$100 Basic Allowance plus \$811 Room and Board Allowance)
Semi-Independent Group Residential Facility	\$911 (\$349 - Basic Allowance plus \$562 Semi-Independent Group Residential Facility Allowance)
Residential and Assisted Living Facility (RALF) and Certified Family Home (CFH)	Level I \$1,052 (\$100 - Basic Allowance plus \$952 Care Allowance) Level II \$1,119 (\$100 - Basic Allowance plus \$1,019 Care Allowance) Level III \$1,186 (\$100 - Basic Allowance plus \$1,086 Care Allowance)

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Citation	Condition or Requirement
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Section 1924 Provisions

A. Income and resource eligibility policies used to determine eligibility for institutionalized individuals who have spouses living in the community are consistent with S1924.

B. In the determination of resource eligibility, the State resource standard is the maximum resource allowance permissible under section 1924 of the social security act. The Standard is:

Maximum: \$119,220

Minimum: \$23,844

The maximum monthly maintenance need allowance is \$2,980.50

C. The definition of undue hardship for purposes of determining if institutionalized spouses receive Medicaid in spite of having excess countable resources is described below:

Undue hardship exists where the institutionalized spouse, the community spouse, or the representative of either spouse is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the State Agency that the county is not obligated to pay the medical care needs of the institutionalized spouse and that the medical care needs of the institutionalized spouse cannot be met other than by the Idaho Medicaid Program.