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**Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations / Boston Regional Office**

May 19, 2018

Eric Beane, Secretary  
Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 West Rd  
Virks Building  
Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Secretary Beane (via e-mail):

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved State plan amendment (SPA) No. 18-003. This SPA is effective January 1, 2018 as requested.

This SPA transmitted a proposed amendment to Rhode Island's approved Title XIX State plan to increase the amount of allowable home equity interest for individuals seeking Medicaid eligibility for nursing facility services or other long-term care services.

If there are questions, please contact Robert Cruz. He can be reached at (781) 335-3455 or at [robert.cruz@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:robert.cruz@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/S/

Richard R. McGreal  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: January Angeles (via e-mail)  
Melody Lawrence (via e-mail)

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-003	2. STATE RI
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
<b>FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES</b>	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2018	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES 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: Section 1917(f) of the Social Security Act	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2018                      \$ 0 b. FFY 2019                      \$ 0
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8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Supplement 17 to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Supplement 17 to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1
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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  
Increase in Home Equity Limit for Long-Term Care

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

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

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: /s/	16. RETURN TO: EOHHS 3 West Rd, Virks Building Cranston, RI 02920
13. TYPED NAME: Eric Beane	
14. TITLE: Secretary	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 30, 2018	

<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
17. DATE RECEIVED: March 30, 2018	18. DATE APPROVED: May 19, 2018

<b>PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED</b>	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 1, 2018	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: /s/
21. TYPED NAME: Richard R. McGreal	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations, Boston Regional Office

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Rhode Island

DISQUALIFICATION FOR LONG-TERM CARE ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH  
SUBSTANTIAL HOME EQUITY

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1917(f) The State agency denies reimbursement for nursing facility services and other long-term care services covered under the State Plan for an individual who does not have a spouse, child under 21, or adult disabled child residing in the individual's home, when the individual's equity interest in the home exceeds the following amount:

XX \$572,000 (increased by the annual percentage increase in the urban component of the consumer price index beginning with 2011, rounded to the nearest \$1,000).

\_\_\_\_\_ An amount that exceeds \$500,000 but does not exceed \$750,000 (increased by the annual percentage increase in the urban component of the consumer price index beginning with 2011, rounded to the nearest \$1,000).

The amount chosen by the State is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ This higher standard applies statewide.

\_\_\_\_\_ This higher standard does not apply statewide. It only applies in the following areas of the State:

\_\_\_\_\_ This higher standard applies to all eligibility groups.

\_\_\_\_\_ This higher standard only applies to the following eligibility groups.

The state has a process under which this limitation will be waived in cases of undue hardship.