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DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATION

January 14, 2016

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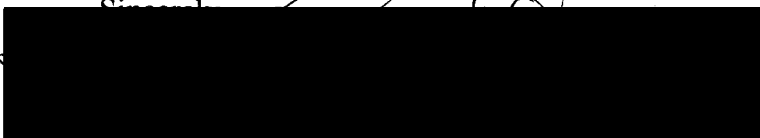
Dear Ms. Joseph-Rhymer:

We have completed our review of the submission of United States Virgin Islands State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-0004 which was received in our office on January 13, 2015 and find it acceptable for incorporation into United States Virgin Island's Medicaid State Plan. This SPA proposes to increase income eligibility for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled to 177 percent of the U.S. Virgin Islands Poverty Level.

Please note that the approval date of this SPA is January 14, 2016 with an effective date of February 1, 2015. Copy of the approved State Plan pages and the signed CMS-179 are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ivelisse M. Salce at (212) 616-2411.

Signed:



Michael Melendez
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

Cc. Gene Coffey
Terri Fraser
Jacqueline Wilder

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID
SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 14 -0004	2. STATE United States Virgin Islands
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE February 1, 2015	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & 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 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act Section 42:436.210 of the Code of Federal Regulations	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>2015</u> \$ <u>2.3 million</u> b. FFY <u>2016</u> \$ <u>3.0 million</u>
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Supplement 5 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 1a Supplement 5 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 2	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (if Applicable) Supersedes TN No. 13-010 NEW

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

As part of the third phase of Medicaid expansion in the United States Virgin Islands since 2012, the Department of Human Services with this amendment will increase income eligibility for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled to 177 percent of the U.S. Virgin Islands Poverty Level. As part of the move to comply with MAGI, even these non-MAGI coverage groups will use a more liberal gross income methodology to determine income eligibility under section 1902(r)(2) authority. The mandatory resource test for the Aged, Blind and Disabled will continue to be the same as the resource test applied to the Medically Needy population.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)


NEW STATE PLAN OTHER, AS SPECIFIED
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	16. RETURN TO Renée Joseph Rhymer, MSW Medicaid Program Department of Human Services 1303 Hospital Ground Knud Hansen Complex, Building A St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802 United States
13. TYPED NAME Renée Joseph Rhymer, MSW	
14. TITLE Medicaid Program Director USVI Department of Human Services	
15. DATE SUBMITTED January 13, 2015	

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17. DATE RECEIVED	18. DATE APPROVED January 14, 2016
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL February 01, 2015	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL 
21. TYPED NAME Michael Melendez	22. TITLE Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

23. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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Supplement 5 to Attachment 2.6-A

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

Program Sources of Income Subject to Disregards	Counted in Medicaid Gross Income Test?
The value of coupon allotment under the Food Stamp Act of <u>1964 as amended.</u>	NO
Loans and grants for educational purposes, such as scholarships, and used under circumstances that prevent their use for current <u>living costs.</u>	NO
Any grant or loan to any undergraduate student which is made or insured under any program administered by the Secretary of <u>the Department of Education under the Higher Education Act.</u>	NO
The value of U.S. Department of Agriculture donated foods (<u>surplus commodities</u>).	NO
Assistance received under the Uniform Relocation Assistance <u>and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.</u>	NO
Benefits received under title VII of the Older Americans Act, <u>which is the Nutrition Program for the Elderly.</u>	NO
Payments for supporting services or reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses made to volunteers serving as senior health aides, senior companions, foster grandparents, and persons serving in the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and Active Corps of Executives (ACE) and any other programs under Titles II and III, pursuant to Section 418 of <u>P.L. 93-113.</u>	NO
Payments to individual volunteers under Title I (VISTA) of <u>P.L. 93-113, pursuant to section 404(g) of that law.</u>	NO
Supplemental aid by other agencies or organizations (public or private so that there is no duplication between such aid <u>and the public assistance grant</u>).	NO
Rent or housing subsidy	NO

TN No. 14-004

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OF THE ACT

Citations	Groups Covered
42 CFR §436.210	<p>In determining eligibility for these individuals, the single state agency will disregard all income between the cash eligibility income standard after the application of all other existing income disregards standards and 177% of the Virgin Islands Poverty Level (VIPL) as described in Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.6-A.</p> <p>For a list of income that will not be counted as part of gross income for this population please see the Table on Page 2.A., Attachment 2.6-A.</p> <p>The VIPL will not adjust annually unless specified in subsequent State Plan Amendments.</p>

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TN No. 13-010