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**MAY 24 2010**

Susan Dreyfus, Secretary  
Department of Social and Health Services  
Post Office Box 45010  
Olympia, Washington 98504-5010

**RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 10-007**

Dear Ms. Dreyfus:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 10-007. 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, pages 22 and 22a.

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](mailto:maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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

cc:

Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary, Health and Recovery Services Administration  
Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, Health and Recovery Services Administration

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  
**10-007**

2. STATE  
Washington

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
Jan. 1, 2010

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: 1860D-14(a)(3)(D)  
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)  
P.L. 110-275 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii); 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv); 1905(p)(3)(A)(ii); of the Act (P&I)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:  
a. FFY 2010 \$ 1,065,000  
b. FFY 2011 \$ 1,065,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Att. 2.2-A pgs. 9a, 9b, 9c, 22, 22a 9b, 9b1, 9b2 (P&I)  
Attachment 2.6-A, pages 22 & 22a (P&I)

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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

Att. 2.2-A pgs. 9a, 9b, 9c, 22 9b, 9b1, 9b2 (P&I)  
Attachment 2.6-A, pages 22 & 22a (P&I)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

MIPPA Changes

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: Exempt

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:  


16. RETURN TO:  
Ann Myers  
Department of Social and Health Services  
Health and Recovery Services Administration  
626 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SE MS: 45504  
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13. TYPED NAME:  
Susan N. Dreyfus

14. TITLE:  
Secretary

15. DATE SUBMITTED:  
March 31, 2010


**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED: **MAR 31 2010**

18. DATE APPROVED: **MAY 24 2010**

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: **JAN 01 2010**

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:  


21. TYPED NAME: **Carol JC Peverly**

22. TITLE: **Associate Regional Administrator**

23. REMARKS:  
5/14/2010 State authorized Pen & Ink changes.

**Division of Medicaid &  
Children's Health**

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State WASHINGTON

Agency Citation(s)	Groups Covered
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A. Mandatory Coverage - Categorically Needy and Other Required Special Groups (Continued)

1902(a)(10)(E)(i),  
1905(p) and  
1860D-14(a)(3)(D)  
of the Act

25. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries --

- 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.

(Medical assistance for this group is limited to Medicare cost-sharing as defined in item 3.2 of this plan.)

1902(a)(10)(E)(ii),  
1905(p)(3)(A)(i),  
And 1905(s)  
of the Act

26. Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals --

- 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

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Agency Citation(s)	Groups Covered
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A. Mandatory Coverage - Categorically Needy and Other Required Special Groups (Continued)

- c. Whose resources do not exceed two times the SSI resource limit.
- d. Who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Act.

(Medical assistance for this group is limited to Medicare Part A premiums under section 1818A of the Act.)

1902(a)(10)(E)(iii),  
1905(p)(3)(A)(ii), and  
1860D-14(a)(3)(D)  
of the Act

27. Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries --

- 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.

(Medical assistance for this group is limited to Medicare Part B premiums under section 1839 of the Act.)

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A. Mandatory Coverage - Categorically Needy and Other Required Special Groups (Continued)

1902(a)(10)(E)(iv)  
and 1905(p)(3)(A)(ii)  
and 1860D-14(a)(3)(D)  
of the Act

28. Qualifying Individuals --

- 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 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.

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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 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 to ATTACHMENT 2.6-A</u> so indicates.</p>
1902(a)(10)(E), 1905(p)(1)(C), and 1860D-14(a)(3)(D) of the Act	<p>8. Resource Standard - Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries and Qualifying 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 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the Act, the resource standard is three times the SSI resource limit, adjusted annually since 1996 by the increase in the consumer price index.</p>

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Citation	Condition or Requirement
1902(a)(10)(E)(ii), 1905(s) and 1860D-14(a)(3)(D) 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 two times the SSI resource limit.</p>
1902(u) of the Act	<p>10. For COBRA continuation beneficiaries, the resource standard is:</p> <p>___ Twice the SSI resource standard for an individual.</p> <p>___ More restrictive standard as applied under section 1902(f) of the Act as described in <u>Supplement 8 to Attachment 2.6-A</u>.</p>