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## **Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services**

June 28, 2022

Deidre Gifford Commissioner 55 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment CT-22-0004

Dear Deidre Gifford,

On March 30, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) CT-22-0004, which proposed to document the increase in standards for Connecticut's optional state supplement program.

We approve Connecticut State Plan Amendment (SPA) CT-22-0004 with an effective date of January 01, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Marie DiMartino at marie.dimartino@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director

Division of Program Operations

Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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## **State Information**

State/Territory Name: Connecticut Medicaid Agency Name: DSS

## **Submission Component**

State Plan Amendment

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Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	1/1/2022	CT-21-0033

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## **Executive Summary**

Summary Description Including Each year, in accordance with federal law, the federal government determines if a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in Goals and Objectives federal cash benefits is required. Effective January 2022, a COLA will increase federal benefits by 5.9%. Pursuant to Section 1618 of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations, the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) determines if the COLA will count as income when calculating eligibility for the state's Aid to Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD) supplemental cash assistance program. DSS calculates whether maintaining current AABD expenditures will result in lower income for recipients when compared to AABD benefits issued in the benchmark year of 1983, plus the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) amount for 1983, plus any federal SSI COLA increases since the benchmark year. If so, federal Medicaid funding is reduced. After DSS review, the 2022 federal COLA will not count as income in the AABD program. Effective with AABD benefits issued January 2022, the full federal 5.9% COLA will be disregarded as countable income by increasing the amount of unearned income not counted when calculating eligibility for AABD by the amount of the federal COLA. By not counting the amount of the federal COLA as income in the AABD cash assistance program, DSS satisfies federal maintenance of effort requirements and federal funding for Medicaid is maintained.

## **Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation**

### **Federal Budget Impact**

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2022	\$39000
Second	2023	\$80340

#### Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435.234 20CFR 416.2095-416.2099

#### Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

Name	Date Created	
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## **Governor's Office Review**

No comment

Comments received

No response within 45 days

Other

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# **Medicaid State Plan Eligibility**

## **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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# A. Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals.

Yes No

The optional eligibility groups covered in the state plan are (elections made in this screen may not be comprehensive during the transition period from the paper-based state plan to MACPro):

## **Families and Adults**

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	P			0	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21	Ð			0	NEW
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance	P	$\checkmark$		0	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents	P	$\checkmark$		0	CONVERTED
Optional Targeted Low Income Children	P			0	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65	P			0	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer	P	M		0	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services	P			0	CONVERTED
Individuals with Tuberculosis	P	$\checkmark$		0	CONVERTED
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage	P			0	NEW

# Aged, Blind and Disabled

Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers	Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services	Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability	Ticket to Work Medical Improvements	Ticket to Work Basic	Work Incentives	Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level	Children under Age 19 with a Disability	Individuals Receiving Hospice	PACE Participants	Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level	Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules	Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization	Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance	Eligibility Group Name
8	***	•	10	•	***	3	***	3	8	***	*	***	*	*	
<b>S</b>										<b>S</b>			3	•	Covered In State Plan
											<				Include RU In Package
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	•	0	0	0	Included in Another Submission Package
APPROVED	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	NEW	APPROVED	NEW	NEW	NEW	Source Type 🔞

## **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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# **B.** Medically Needy Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified groups of individuals who are medically needy.

• Yes • No

The medically needy eligibility groups covered in the state plan are:

## 1. Mandatory Medically Needy:

### **Families and Adults**

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Medically Needy Pregnant Women	Ø	$\checkmark$		0	NEW
Medically Needy Children under Age 18	P	$\checkmark$		0	NEW

## Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Protected Medically Needy Individuals Who Were Eligible in 1973	Ø	<b>V</b>		0	NEW

# 2. Optional Medically Needy:

#### **Families and Adults**

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Medically Needy Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21	P			0	NEW
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	ø	✓		0	NEW

### Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😯
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability	Ø	✓		0	NEW

## **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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## **C. Additional Information (optional)**

## **Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage**

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

N/A

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# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

## **Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries**

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Individuals who receive an optional state supplementary payment.

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The state covers the Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

## A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Receive an optional state supplement that meets the conditions described in sections C and D.
- 2. Except for income, would be eligible for:

a. SS

b. The mandatory eligibility group for 209(b) states

3. Do not have gross income exceeding 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).

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## **B.** Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.

Yes

O No

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## C. Optional State Supplement Program

- 1. The optional state supplement program is administered:
  - a. Solely by the federal government. The state has an agreement with the Social Security Administration under section 1616 of the Act regarding the administration of optional state supplementary payments.
  - b. By a combination of federal and state administration. The state has an agreement with the Social Security Administration under section 1616 of the Act regarding the administration of optional state supplementary payments for some classifications of individuals, while state supplementary payments for other classifications of individuals are administered by the state.
  - c. Solely by the state.
- 2. Payments under the optional state supplement program are:
  - a. Based on need and paid in cash on a regular basis;
  - b. Equal to the difference between the individual's countable income and the income standard used to determine eligibility for supplement; and
  - c. Available to all individuals in each population selected in section B.

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# D. Income Standard of Optional State Supplement Program

1. The income standard for the optio	nal state suppleme	nt:
	a. Varies by politic	al subdivision.
	O Yes	
	■ No	
	b. Varies by paym	ent classification.
	Yes	
	○ No	
		The payment classifications used are:
		i. All individuals age 65 or older, regardless of living arrangement.
		ii. All individuals who have blindness, regardless of living arrangement.
		iii. All individuals who have a disability, regardless of living arrangement.
		iv. Independent living.
		v. Living in household of another.
		vi. Independent living and receiving non-medical care outside the home.
		vii. Living in household of another and receiving non-medical care outside the home.
		viii. Living in a domiciliary facility or other group living arrangement.
		ix. Other payment classification.

## Name of Classification Description:

Independent Living (Level 1)

For independent living arrangements (Level 1), the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$172.44 for a single person and an allowance for shelter. The shelter component of the standard is the actual cost, as paid, up the specific maximum of \$400.00 for a single individual living alone There is a no income standard for a couple as Level 1 indicates living alone. System would not allow entry of 0.00

# Individual

\$572.44

## Name of Classification

New Horizon shared w/related person/one eligible

# Couple

\$0.01

## Description:

For the New Horizons living arrangement, the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$137.03 and an allowance for the charge to the individual

for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2,114 for an individual living alone or with a related person and \$4,637 for a couple with one eligible member.

#### Individual

\$2114.00

## \$4637.00

Couple

## Name of Classification

Independent Living (Level 2)

# **Description:**For independe

For independent living arrangements (Level 2), the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$173.49 for a married person living with his or her spouse and an allowance for shelter. The shelter component of the standard is the actual cost, as paid, up the specific maximum of \$200.00

#### Individual

\$372.44

#### Couple

\$746.98

#### Name of Classification

Domiciliary with one eligible member

#### **Description:**

For domiciliary living arrangements, the standard includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$30.36 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for room and board set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for domiciliary living arrangements is \$2206.30 for an individual and \$4729.30 for a couple with one eligible member.

## Individual

\$2206.30

## Couple

\$4729.30

#### Name of Classification

Domiciliary with two eligible members

## Description:

For domiciliary living arrangements, the standard includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$30.36 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for room and board set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for domiciliary living arrangements is \$2206.30 for an individual and \$4412.60 for a couple with one eligible member.

## Individual

\$2206.30

# \$4412.60

Couple

Name of Classification
New Horizon (shared with unrelated person)

# **Description:**

For the New Horizons living arrangement, the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$137.03 and an allowance for the charge to the individual

for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2046.10 for an individual living with an unrelated person. There is no income standard for a couple as shared with an unrelated person indicates not married. System would not allow entry of \$0.00

Individual

\$2046.10

Name of Classification

New Horizons (unshared)

Couple \$0.01

Description:

For the New Horizons living arrangement (unshared), the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$137.03 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2114 for an individual living alone. There is no income standard for a couple as unshared

indicates living alone. System would not allow entry of \$0.00

Individual

\$2114.00

Name of Classification

New Horizon shared w/related person/two eligible

Couple \$0.01

Description:

For the New Horizons living arrangement, the Standard of Assistance includes a fixed amount for personal needs of \$137.03 and an allowance for the charge to the individual for shelter set by the Department in accordance with State law. The maximum standard of assistance for New Horizon living arrangement is \$2114.00 for an individual living with a related person and \$4228.00 for a couple with 2 eligible members.

Individual

\$2114.00

**Couple** \$4228.00

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