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June 24, 2024

Julie Marquardt  
Assistant Commissioner and Minnesota Medicaid Director  
Minnesota Department of Human Services  
540 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0983

Re: Minnesota State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0003

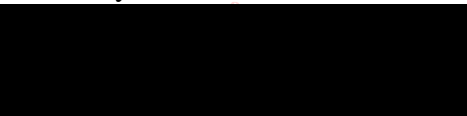
Dear Medicaid Director Marquardt:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Minnesota's State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal #24-0003, submitted on March 29, 2024. This SPA eliminates cost sharing for Minnesota's Medicaid enrollees, pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 70, Article 16, Section 12-14.

CMS approved SPA #24-0003 on June 21, 2024, with an effective date of January 1, 2024. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS 179 summary form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Minnesota State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Porter at (312)353-8310, or via email at [Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director  
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Enclosures

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# Medicaid Premiums and Cost Sharing: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: **Minnesota**

Transmittal Number:

*Enter the Transmittal Number (TN), including dashes, in the format SS-YY-NNNN or SS-YY-NNNN-xxxx (with xxxx being optional to specific SPA types), where SS = 2-character state abbreviation, YY = last 2 digits of submission year, NNNN = 4-digit number with leading zeros, and xxxx = OPTIONAL, 1- to 4-character alpha/numeric suffix.*

MN-24-0003

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2024 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

Sections 1916 and 1916A of the SSA and 42 CFR 447.50 through 447.57

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First Year	2024	\$ 7526814.00
Second Year	2025	\$ 10036113.00

Subject of Amendment

Elimination of cost sharing for Medicaid enrollees.

Governor's Office Review

- Governor's office reported no comment  
 Comments of Governor's office received

Describe:

- No reply received within 45 days of submittal  
 Other, as specified

Describe:

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By: **Sheilagh Leary**

Last Revision Date: **Jun 6, 2024**

Submit Date: **Mar 29, 2024**



# Medicaid Premiums and Cost Sharing

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: MN - 24 - 0003

<b>Cost Sharing Requirements</b>	<b>G1</b>
1916 1916A 42 CFR 447.50 through 447.57 (excluding 447.55)	
The state charges cost sharing (deductibles, co-insurance or co-payments) to individuals covered under Medicaid.	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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# Medicaid Premiums and Cost Sharing

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

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Cost Sharing Amounts - Categorically Needy Individuals	G2a
1916 1916A 42 CFR 447.52 through 54	
The state charges cost sharing to <u>all</u> categorically needy (Mandatory Coverage and Options for Coverage) individuals.	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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# Medicaid Premiums and Cost Sharing

State Name:

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Cost Sharing Amounts - Medically Needy Individuals	G2b
1916 1916A 42 CFR 447.52 through 54	
The state charges cost sharing to <u>all</u> medically needy individuals.	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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# Medicaid Premiums and Cost Sharing

State Name:

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<b>Cost Sharing Amounts - Targeting</b>	<b>G2c</b>
1916 1916A 42 CFR 447.52 through 54	
The state targets cost sharing to a specific group or groups of individuals.	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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## Cost Sharing Limitations

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42 CFR 447.56  
1916  
1916A

- The state administers cost sharing in accordance with the limitations described at 42 CFR 447.56, and 1916(a)(2) and (j) and 1916A(b) of the Social Security Act, as follows:

### Exemptions

#### Groups of Individuals - Mandatory Exemptions

The state may not impose cost sharing upon the following groups of individuals:

- Individuals ages 1 and older, and under age 18 eligible under the Infants and Children under Age 18 eligibility group (42 CFR 435.118).
- Infants under age 1 eligible under the Infants and Children under Age 18 eligibility group (42 CFR 435.118), whose income does not exceed the higher of:
  - 133% FPL; and
  - If applicable, the percent FPL described in section 1902(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the Act, up to 185 percent.
- Disabled or blind individuals under age 18 eligible for the following eligibility groups:
  - SSI Beneficiaries (42 CFR 435.120).
  - Blind and Disabled Individuals in 209(b) States (42 CFR 435.121).
  - Individuals Receiving Mandatory State Supplements (42 CFR 435.130).
- Children for whom child welfare services are made available under Part B of title IV of the Act on the basis of being a child in foster care and individuals receiving benefits under Part E of that title, without regard to age.
- Disabled children eligible for Medicaid under the Family Opportunity Act (1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX) and 1902(cc) of the Act).
- Pregnant women, during pregnancy and through the postpartum period which begins on the last day of pregnancy and extends through the end of the month in which the 60-day period following termination of pregnancy ends, except for cost sharing for services specified in the state plan as not pregnancy-related.
- Any individual whose medical assistance for services furnished in an institution is reduced by amounts reflecting available income other than required for personal needs.
- An individual receiving hospice care, as defined in section 1905(o) of the Act.
- Indians who are currently receiving or have ever received an item or service furnished by an Indian health care provider or through referral under contract health services.
- Individuals who are receiving Medicaid because of the state's election to extend coverage to the Certain Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer eligibility group (42 CFR 435.213).





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## Groups of Individuals - Optional Exemptions

The state may elect to exempt the following groups of individuals from cost sharing:

The state elects to exempt individuals under age 19, 20 or 21, or any reasonable category of individuals 18 years of age or over.

Yes

Indicate below the age of the exemption:

- Under age 19
- Under age 20
- Under age 21
- Other reasonable category

The state elects to exempt individuals whose medical assistance for services furnished in a home and community-based setting is reduced by amounts reflecting available income other than required for personal needs.

Yes

## Services - Mandatory Exemptions

The state may not impose cost sharing for the following services:

- Emergency services as defined at section 1932(b)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.114(a).
- Family planning services and supplies described in section 1905(a)(4)(C) of the Act, including contraceptives and pharmaceuticals for which the state claims or could claim federal match at the enhanced rate under section 1903(a)(5) of the Act for family planning services and supplies.
- Preventive services, at a minimum the services specified at 42 CFR 457.520, provided to children under 18 years of age regardless of family income, which reflect the well-baby and well child care and immunizations in the Bright Futures guidelines issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Pregnancy-related services, including those defined at 42 CFR 440.210(a)(2) and 440.250(p), and counseling and drugs for cessation of tobacco use. All services provided to pregnant women will be considered pregnancy-related, except those services specifically identified in the state plan as not being related to pregnancy.
- Provider-preventable services as defined in 42 CFR 447.26(b).

## Enforceability of Exemptions

The procedures for implementing and enforcing the exemptions from cost sharing contained in 42 CFR 447.56 are (check all that apply):

- To identify that American Indians/Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) are currently receiving or have ever received an item or service furnished by an Indian health care provider or through referral under contract health services in accordance with 42 CFR 447.56(a)(1)(x), the state uses the following procedures:
  - The state accepts self-attestation
  - The state runs periodic claims reviews
  - The state obtains an Active or Previous User Letter or other Indian Health Services (IHS) document
  - The Eligibility and Enrollment and MMIS systems flag exempt recipients



# Medicaid Premiums and Cost Sharing

Other procedure

Description:

There is no cost-sharing for any Medicaid enrollee, so no procedures are needed to make an identification.

Additional description of procedures used is provided below (optional):

To identify all other individuals exempt from cost sharing, the state uses the following procedures (check all that apply):

- The MMIS system flags recipients who are exempt
- The Eligibility and Enrollment System flags recipients who are exempt
- The Medicaid card indicates if beneficiary is exempt
- The Eligibility Verification System notifies providers when a beneficiary is exempt
- Other procedure

Description:

There is no cost-sharing for any Medicaid enrollee, so no procedures are needed to make an identification.

Additional description of procedures used is provided below (optional):

## Payments to Providers

- The state reduces the payment it makes to a provider by the amount of a beneficiary's cost sharing obligation, regardless of whether the provider has collected the payment or waived the cost sharing, except as provided under 42 CFR 447.56(c).

## Payments to Managed Care Organizations

The state contracts with one or more managed care organizations to deliver services under Medicaid.

Yes

- The state calculates its payments to managed care organizations to include cost sharing established under the state plan for beneficiaries not exempt from cost sharing, regardless of whether the organization imposes the cost sharing on its recipient members or the cost sharing is collected.

## Aggregate Limits



# Medicaid Premiums and Cost Sharing

Medicaid premiums and cost sharing incurred by all individuals in the Medicaid household do not exceed an aggregate limit of 5 percent of the family's income applied on a quarterly or monthly basis.

The percentage of family income used for the aggregate limit is:

5%

4%

3%

2%

1%

Other:  %

The state calculates family income for the purpose of the aggregate limit on the following basis:

Quarterly

Monthly

The state has a process to track each family's incurred premiums and cost sharing through a mechanism that does not rely on beneficiary documentation.

Explain why the state's premium and cost sharing rules do not place beneficiaries at risk of reaching the aggregate family limit:

Minnesota Medicaid no longer charges enrollees for any cost sharing. Premiums are limited to Minnesota's optional group who are employed under the BBA (Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Social Security Act. Section 1916 of the Act is not applicable to this group.

The state has a documented appeals process for families that believe they have incurred premiums or cost sharing over the aggregate limit for the current monthly or quarterly cap period.

Describe the process used to reimburse beneficiaries and/or providers if the family is identified as paying over the aggregate limit for the month/quarter:

See above.

Describe the process for beneficiaries to request a reassessment of their family aggregate limit if they have a change in circumstances or if they are being terminated for failure to pay a premium:

See above.

The state imposes additional aggregate limits, consistent with 42 CFR 447.56(f)(5).



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