



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

December 27, 2013

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health
DHHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
1301 Young Street, Room #833
Dallas, Texas 75202


Dear Mr. Brooks:

RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 13-57

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed Louisiana Title XIX State Plan material.

I recommend this material for adoption and inclusion in the body of the State Plan.

Sincerely,



Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary

Attachments (1)

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

13-57

2. STATE

Louisiana

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

December 31, 2013

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
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)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

FFY 2014 **\$0.0**
FFY 2015 **\$0.0**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1
Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 2

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN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

Same (TN 08-04)
None (New page)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: **The SPA proposes to disregard the income of children age 6-18 up to 142 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.**

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:

The Governor does not review state plan material.

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:

Kathy H. Kliebert

14. TITLE:

Secretary

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

December 27, 2013

16. RETURN TO:

J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director
State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
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Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME:

22. TITLE:

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: LOUISIANA

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

Section 1902 (f) State Non-Section 1902 (f) State

- 1) The Bureau of Health Services Financing disregards the first 15 percent of monthly gross income under the federal poverty level standards when determining Medicaid eligibility for low-income pregnant women.
- 2) For Working Individuals – TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group-
 - Only the income and needs of the individual with the disability who is applying for or receiving coverage will be considered in determining eligibility.
 - There will be no deeming of spousal income.
 - Disregards In-Kind Support and Maintenance as defined by the federal SSI program.
- 3) The Bureau of Health Services Financing disregards In-Kind Support and Maintenance as defined by the federal SSI program in the determination of Medicaid eligibility for the following groups: Medically Needy Program [1902(a)(10)(c)], Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries [1902(a)(10)(E)(i)], Specified Low Income Beneficiaries [1902(a)(10)(E)(iii)], Qualified Individuals-I [1902(a)(10)(E)(iv)(I)], TB Infected Individuals [1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XII)], and Disability Medicaid [Optional Group of Aged and Disabled under the FPL covered under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(X)].
- 4) For Family Opportunity Act [1902(a)(10)(A)ii(XIX)] -

If applicable, all other SSI income exclusions and disregards will be applied to the family income.

An income disregard of \$85 will be applied to total gross (earned and unearned) family income and then half of the remaining income will be disregarded.
- 5) For children age 6-18 eligible under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) of the act.
A block income disregard between the current net income standard of 100% FPL and a gross income standard of 142% FPL.

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TN# _____

- 6) All income is disregarded for the reasonable classification under 42 CFR 435.222 of pregnant women under the age of 19, as defined on supplement 1 to Attachment 2.2-A page 1.

*More liberal methods may not result in exceeding gross income limitations under section 1903 (f).