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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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March 13, 2014

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, State Medicaid Director  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bienville Building  
628 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Post Office Box 91030  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030

Attn: Darlene Adams  
Jodie Hebert

RE: S-94 – Eligibility Process State Plan Amendment (SPA), LA-13-0050-MM2

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Louisiana's state plan amendment (SPA) LA-13-0050-MM2, which was submitted to CMS on December 27, 2013. SPA LA-13-0050-MM2 incorporates the MAGI-based eligibility process requirements, including the single streamlined application, into Louisiana's Medicaid state plan in accordance with the Affordable Care Act.

The effective date of this SPA is October 1, 2013.

The approval of SPA LA-13-0050-MM2 includes full approval of your state's model single streamlined paper and online applications.

Enclosed is a copy of the following S94 state plan pages and attachments to be incorporated within a separate section at the end of Louisiana's approved state plan:

- S94, pages S94-1 and S94-2
- Attachment 1 – State of Louisiana's single streamlined paper application
- Attachment 2 – State of Louisiana's single streamlined online application

In addition, enclosed is a summary of state plan pages which are superseded by LA-13-0050-MM2, which should also be incorporated into a separate section in the front of the state plan.

- Superseding Pages of State Plan Material, LA-13-0050-MM2

CMS appreciates the significant amount of work your staff dedicated to preparing this state plan

amendment. If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact Ford Blunt at [Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov) or (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

Cc:

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility: Summary Page (CMS 179)

State/Territory name: Louisiana

Transmittal Number:

Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.

LA-13-0050

Proposed Effective Date

10/01/2013

(mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

42 CFR 435, Subpart J and Subpart M

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First Year	2014	\$ 0.00
Second Year	2015	\$ 0.00

Subject of Amendment

This SPA amends the State's eligibility processes in order to adopt provisions for the MAGI Income Standards methodologies.

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:

Governor's office review is not required.

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By:

Darlene Adams

Last Revision Date:

Mar 12, 2014

Submit Date:

Dec 27, 2013

TN: LA 13-50

Approved: 3/13/14

Effective: 10/1/13

Received: 12-27-13



Printed Name: Bill Brooks, Associated Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

**SUPERSEDING PAGES OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

<b>TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:</b>  LA-13-0050-MM2	<b>STATE:</b>  Louisiana
<b>PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:</b>  S94 – Eligibility Process	<b>PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):</b>  Section 2.1 Page 11a (Same as TN 91-21)

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# Medicaid Eligibility

OMB Control Number 0938-1148  
OMB Expiration date: 10/31/2014

General Eligibility Requirements Eligibility Process	S94
42 CFR 435, Subpart J and Subpart M	
<b>Eligibility Process</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state meets all the requirements of 42 CFR 435, Subpart J for processing applications, determining and verifying eligibility, and furnishing Medicaid.	
<b>Application Processing</b>	
Indicate which application the agency uses for individuals applying for coverage who may be eligible based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The single, streamlined application for all insurance affordability programs, developed by the Secretary in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(A) of the Affordable Care Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> An alternative single, streamlined application developed by the state in accordance with section 1413(b)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act and approved by the Secretary, which may be no more burdensome than the streamlined application developed by the Secretary.	
<b>An attachment is submitted.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> An alternative application used to apply for multiple human service programs approved by the Secretary, provided that the agency makes readily available the single or alternative application used only for insurance affordability programs to individuals seeking assistance only through such programs.	
<b>An attachment is submitted.</b>	
Indicate which application the agency uses for individuals applying for coverage who may be eligible on a basis other than the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard:	
<input type="checkbox"/> The single, streamlined application developed by the Secretary or one of the alternate forms developed by the state and approved by the Secretary, and supplemental forms to collect additional information needed to determine eligibility on such other basis, submitted to the Secretary.	
<b>An attachment is submitted.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An application designed specifically to determine eligibility on a basis other than the applicable MAGI standard which minimizes the burden on applicants, submitted to the Secretary.	
<b>An attachment is submitted.</b>	
The agency's procedures permit an individual, or authorized person acting on behalf of the individual, to submit an application via the internet website described in 42 CFR 435.1200(f), by telephone, via mail, and in person.	
The agency also accepts applications by other electronic means:	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

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Indicate the other electronic means below:

	Name of Method	Description	
+	Fax	Received by fax transmission	X

- The agency has procedures to take applications, assist applicants and perform initial processing of applications for the eligibility groups listed below at locations other than those used for the receipt and processing of applications for the title IV-A program, including Federally-qualified health centers and disproportionate share hospitals.

Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives

Pregnant Women

Infants and Children under Age 19

### Redetermination Processing

- Redeterminations of eligibility for individuals whose financial eligibility is based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard are performed as follows, consistent with 42 CFR 435.916:
- Once every 12 months
  - Without requiring information from the individual if able to do so based on reliable information contained in the individual's account or other more current information available to the agency
  - If the agency cannot determine eligibility solely on the basis of the information available to it, or otherwise needs additional
    - information to complete the redetermination, it provides the individual with a pre-populated renewal form containing the information already available.
- Redeterminations of eligibility for individuals whose financial eligibility is not based on the applicable modified adjusted gross income standard are performed, consistent with 42 CFR 435.916 (check all that apply):
- Once every 12 months
  - Once every 6 months
  - Other, more often than once every 12 months

### Coordination of Eligibility and Enrollment

- The state meets all the requirements of 42 CFR 435, Subpart M relative to coordination of eligibility and enrollment between
- Medicaid, CHIP, Exchanges and other insurance affordability programs. The single state agency has entered into agreements with the Exchange and with other agencies administering insurance affordability programs.

### PRA Disclosure Statement

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