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Our Reference: SPA LA 13-0051-MM3

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, State Medicaid Director
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Attn: Darlene Adams
Jodie Hebert

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number 13-0051-MM3. This Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) state plan designates the income options Louisiana is electing for 2014 in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and federal regulations. This state plan amendment is in the new Medicaid Model Data Lab (MMDL) format.

Transmittal Number 13-0051-MM3 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 13-0051-MM3 dated December 27, 2013 is enclosed along with the approved plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Ford Blunt III at ford.blunt@cms.hhs.gov or by phone at (214) 767-6381.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks".

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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-13-0051

Proposed Effective Date

01/01/2014

(mm/dd/yyyy)

Federal Statute/Regulation Citation

1902(e)14, 42 CFR 435.603

Federal Budget Impact

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

Subject of Amendment

This SPA submission designates the income options the state elects in 2014 to incorporate the MAGI Income Standards.

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:

The Governor's office does not review State Plan material.

Signature of State Agency Official

Submitted By:

Darlene Adams

Last Revision Date:

Mar 10, 2014

Submit Date:

Dec 27, 2013

State: Louisiana

Date Received: 27 Dec, 2013

Date Approved: 26 Mar, 2014

Date Effective: 1 Jan, 2014

Transmittal Number: 13-51 MM3

Printed Name: BILL BROOKS

Title: Associate Regional Administrator, Div of Medicaid & Children's Health



**SUPERSEDING PAGES OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

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**PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR
ATTACHMENT:**

S10 - MAGI Income Methodology

**PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Louisiana Medicaid State Plan, the financial eligibility methodologies described in State Plan Amendment LA-13-0051-MM3 will apply to all MAGI-based eligibility groups covered under Louisiana's Medicaid State Plan. The MAGI financial methodologies set forth in 42 CFR § 435.603 apply to everyone except those individuals described at 42 CFR § 435.603(j) for whom MAGI-based methods do not apply. This State Plan Amendment supersedes the current financial eligibility provisions of the Medicaid State Plan only with respect to the MAGI-based eligibility groups.

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Medicaid Eligibility

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

MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

S10

1902(e)(14)
42 CFR 435.603

- The state will apply Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)-based methodologies as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 435.603.

In the case of determining ongoing eligibility for beneficiaries determined eligible for Medicaid on or before December 31, 2013, MAGI-based income methodologies will not be applied until March 31, 2014, or the next regularly-scheduled renewal of eligibility, whichever is later, if application of such methods results in a determination of ineligibility prior to such date.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus each of the children she is expected to deliver.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of the other individuals in a household that includes a pregnant woman:

- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus one.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus the number of children she is expected to deliver.

Financial eligibility is determined consistent with the following provisions:

When determining eligibility for new applicants, financial eligibility is based on current monthly income and family size.

When determining eligibility for current beneficiaries, financial eligibility is based on:

- Current monthly household income and family size
- Projected annual household income and family size for the remaining months of the current calendar year

In determining current monthly or projected annual household income, the state will use reasonable methods to:

- Include a prorated portion of a reasonably predictable increase in future income and/or family size.
- Account for a reasonably predictable decrease in future income and/or family size.

Except as provided at 42 CFR 435.603(d)(2) through (d)(4), household income is the sum of the MAGI-based income of every individual included in the individual's household.

In determining eligibility for Medicaid, an amount equivalent to 5 percentage points of the FPL for the applicable family size will be deducted from household income in accordance with 42 CFR 435.603(d).

Household income includes actually available cash support, exceeding nominal amounts, provided by the person claiming an individual described at §435.603(f)(2)(i) as a tax dependent.

- Yes No



Medicaid Eligibility

The age used for children with respect to 42 CFR 435.603(f)(3)(iv) is:

- Age 19
- Age 19, or in the case of full-time students, age 21

PRA Disclosure Statement

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