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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI

May 13, 2014

Our Reference: SPA LA 14-03

Ms. Ruth Kennedy, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Hospitals
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628 North 4th Street
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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 14-03. The SPA reduces the income limits, eliminates buy-in premiums, and revises the eligibility criteria for the Medicaid Purchase Plan Program which provides coverage to workers with disabilities.

Transmittal Number 14-03 is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2014 as requested. A copy of the HCFA-179, Transmittal No. 14-03 dated February 14, 2014 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". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
14-03

2. STATE
Louisiana

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 1, 2014

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(a)(10)(A) (ii) of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
FFY 2014 **(\$4,830.02)**
FFY 2015 **(\$2,157.09)**

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

**Attachment 2.6-A, Pages 12d, 12h, 12m
Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1
Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1**

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN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

**Same (TN 04-01)
Pending (TN 14-02) 01
Pending (TN 14-01)**

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: **The SPA proposes to reduce the income limits, eliminate buy-in premiums, and revise the eligibility criteria for the Medicaid Purchase Plan Program which provides coverage to workers with disabilities.**

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED **The Governor does not review state plan material.**
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:
Kathy H. Kliebert
14. TITLE:
Secretary
15. DATE SUBMITTED:
February 14, 2014

16. RETURN TO:
**J. Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director
State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
628 N. 4th Street
PO Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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17. DATE RECEIVED: **14 February, 2014** 18. DATE APPROVED: **13 May, 2014**

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
1 January, 2014

20. SIGNATURE:  ICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME:
Bill Brooks

22. TITLE: **Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health**

23. REMARKS: **The State requests a pen and ink change to Blocks 8 and 9 as per e-mail dated 4/15/14.**

STATE: LOUISIANA

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1902(a)(10)(A)
(ii)(XV) of the Act

(i) Working Individuals with Disabilities – Basic Coverage Group - TWWIIA

In determining financial eligibility for working individuals with disabilities under this provision, the following standards and methodologies are applied:

 The agency does not apply any income or resource standard.

NOTE: If the above option is chosen, no further eligibility-related options should be elected.

 X The agency applies the following income and/or resource standard(s):

- The individual must have countable income less than 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Countable resources must be less than \$10,000.

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Page 12m
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1902(a)(10)(A)
(ii)(XIII), (XV), (XVI),
and 1916(g) of the Act

Payment of Premiums or Other Cost Sharing Charges

For individuals eligible under the BBA eligibility group described in No. 26 on page 23g of Attachment 2.2-A.

_____ The agency requires payment of premiums or other cost-sharing charges on a sliding scale based on income. The premiums or other cost-sharing charges, and how they are applied, are described below:

- Effective January 1, 2014, buy-in premiums shall be eliminated from the Medicaid Purchase Plan Program.

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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

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)], and Qualified Individuals-I [1902(a)(10)(E)(iv)(I)].

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.

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

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: LOUISIANA

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

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

- 1) RESERVED
- 2) An annuity meeting the criteria contained in Supplement 9 to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1d, Item D, is not considered a resource in determining eligibility for individuals under 42 CFR 435.236.
- 3) The following will apply in the determination of Medicaid eligibility for the Medically Needy Program [1902(a)(10)(C)], the special income level group (individuals in a medical institution for at least 30 consecutive days [1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V)]) and individuals receiving home and community based waiver services for at least 30 consecutive days with gross income that does not exceed 300 percent of the SSI income standard [1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI)], and Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIA) Basic Coverage Group [1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act]:
 - a. The maximum burial fund exclusion will be increased to \$10,000.
 - b. The cash surrender value of life insurance and burial policies with a combined face value up to \$10,000 will be disregarded.

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