

**Companion Letter to Louisiana SPA 18-0027 – Alternative Online Single Streamlined Application**

	<b>Necessary changes to the online alternative single streamlined application</b>	<b>Date by which changes will be completed (state to fill in missing dates within 60 days of SPA approval):</b>
1	The state will remove the question whether someone had moved to the state in the last 12 months.	
2	The question regarding AI/AN status, included for purposes of identifying individuals exempt from premiums or cost-sharing, will be revised to ask whether the applicant is: ‘eligible to receive or has ever received services.’	
3	The Louisiana online system currently requires immigration document type be selected when an eligible immigration status is indicated an applicant is able to proceed through the application. LA will make changes so that individuals who are not able to provide the immigration document type or number are able to proceed through the application, submit it to the state, and provide this information at a later time.	
4	The list of non-citizen statuses an applicant may choose from when attesting to being in an eligible immigration status is not comprehensive and does not allow for an attestation of all eligible statuses. Because of this, an applicant whose status is not in the dropdown list would have to choose between electing a status that is not accurate or not being able to proceed with the application. This is inconsistent with the requirement that applicants provide information under penalty of perjury, and contrary to the notice on providing accurate citizenship and non-citizen information (Power Point of application screen shots at Slide 81). LA will add to the list of non-citizen statuses the option to select “other,” so that if an individual has an immigration status not found on the list, an attestation of eligible immigration status can be made.	
5	<p>The state will make non-taxable income types dynamic to non-MAGI applicants.</p> <p>General- Please note that CMS recently issued State Health Official Letter 19-003 explaining changes to Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)-based Income Methodologies. The link to that SHO is here <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho19003.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho19003.pdf</a>. The state may want to consider this guidance as it makes changes to its application.</p>	
6	The state will make resources questions non-mandatory until after the MAGI determination is made.	

7	The state will include language on the application requesting an applicant’s consent to allow the state to use IRS data to verify income.	
8	The application provides notice (at Power Point slide 81) about the requirement to report changes within 10 days. In addition to changes that may affect MAGI eligibility, it requires beneficiaries report “changes in things you own.” CMS recommends that the state clarify that the language about assets will only apply to individuals eligible on a non-MAGI basis (in plain language).	

Please submit the revised online application screenshots to CMS for review upon completion of each change identified above. We continue to be available to provide technical assistance. If you have any questions about your applications, please contact Tobias Griffin, [tobias.griffin@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:tobias.griffin@cms.hhs.gov).