

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: SOUTH DAKOTA

STATE LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP

CitationSections 1902(r)(2) and
1917(b)(1)(C) of the Act

The following more liberal methodology applies to individuals who are eligible for medical assistance under one of the following eligibility groups:

Individuals eligible under Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V) (300% of SSI benefit standard income/institutionalized not less than 30 days).

An individual who is a beneficiary under a long-term care insurance policy that meets the requirements of a "qualified State long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy) as set forth below, is given a resource disregard as described in this amendment. The amount of the disregard is equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual. The "long-term care insurance policy" includes a certificate issued under a group insurance contract.

X The State Medicaid Agency (Agency) stipulates that the following requirements will be satisfied in order for a long-term care policy to qualify for a disregard. Where appropriate, the Agency relies on attestations by the State Insurance Commissioner (Commissioner) or other State official charged with regulation and oversight of insurance policies sold in the state, regarding information within the expertise of the State's Insurance Department.

- The policy is a qualified long-term care insurance policy as defined in Section 7702(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- The policy meets the requirements of the long-term care insurance model regulation and long-term care insurance model Act promulgated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (as adopted as of October 2000) as those requirements are set forth in Section 1916(b)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act.

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- The policy was issued no earlier than the effective date of this State plan amendment.
- The insured individual was a resident of a Partnership State when coverage first became effective under the policy. If the policy is later exchanged for a different long-term care policy, the individual was a resident of a Partnership State when coverage under the earliest policy became effective.
- The policy meets the inflation protection requirements set forth in Section 1917(b)(1)(C)(iii)(IV) of the Social Security Act.
- The Commissioner requires the issuer of the policy to make regular reports to the Secretary that include notification regarding when benefits provided under the policy have been paid and the amount of such benefits paid, notification regarding when the policy otherwise terminates, and such other information as the Secretary determines may be appropriate to the administration of such partnerships.
- The State does not impose any requirement affecting the terms or benefits of a partnership policy that the State does not also impose on non-partnership policies.
- The State Insurance Department assures that any individual who sells a partnership policy receives training, and demonstrates evidence of an understanding of such policies and how they relate to other public and private coverage of long-term care.
- The Agency provides information and technical assistance to the Insurance Department regarding the training described above.

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