March 10, 2020

Bill Snyder
Medicaid Director
Department of Social Services
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment SD-20-0001

Dear Mr. Snyder:

On January 13, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received South Dakota State Plan Amendment (SPA) SD-20-0001 to exclude census bureau income related to the decennial census employment from being considered as countable income.

We approve South Dakota State Plan Amendment (SPA) SD-20-0001 on March 10, 2020 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Kirstin Michel at kirstin.michel@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,
James Scott
Director
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Income/Resource Methodologies

Non-MAGI Methodologies

The state will apply the methodologies as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 435.601, 435.602, and 435.831.

A. Basic Financial Methodology

1. The state applies the income and resource methodologies of the SSI program when determining eligibility for a population based on age (65 or older) or having blindness or a disability, with the exceptions described below in B. through G.

2. The state applies the financial methodologies of either the SSI program or the AFDC program in effect as of July 16, 1996 (whichever is most closely related) when determining eligibility for a population based on age (as a child), pregnancy, or status as a caretaker relative, with the exceptions described below in B. through G.

B. Use of Less Restrictive Methodologies

1. The state elects to apply income and/or resources methodologies that are less restrictive than those used under the cash assistance programs, in accordance with 42 CFR 435.601(d).

   - Yes
   - No

2. The less restrictive income and resource methodologies are described on the RU for each applicable eligibility group.
C. Financial Responsibility of Relatives

1. In determining financial eligibility for an individual, the state does not include income and resources from anyone other than the individual's spouse, and for individuals under age 21 or who have blindness or disability, the individual's parent.
   a. The state includes the income and resources of a spouse or parent only when they are living with the individual in the same household, except as follows:
      i. In the case of spouses who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or disability and who share the same room in a Medicaid institution, the state:
         (1) Considers these couples either as living together or as living separately for the purpose of counting income and resources, whichever is more advantageous to the couple.
         (2) Considers these couples as living separately for the purpose of counting income and resources.
      ii. Where applicable, the state determines income and resource eligibility consistent with the spousal impoverishment rules of section 1924 of the Act, as described in the Resource Assessment and Eligibility reviewable unit.
   b. In the case of individuals under age 21 for whom AFDC is the most closely related cash assistance program, the income and resources of parents and spouses are included only if the individual would have been considered a dependent under the state's approved AFDC state plan in effect as of July 16, 1996.
D. Family Size

1. The family size of an individual for whom the SSI income and resource methodologies are used (as described in section A) includes the persons identified below:

   a. The individual applying, or
   b. If the individual lives together with his or her spouse, the individual applying and the spouse, or
   c. If the individual lives together with his or her parent(s) and the individual is under 21 or has blindness or a disability, the individual applying and the parent(s).

2. The family size of an individual for whom the AFDC income and resource methodologies are used (as described in section A), includes the persons who would have been included in the family under the state's July 16, 1996 AFDC state plan, except where the state has elected to use the MAGI-like methodologies (as described in section E).

3. The state defines family size for one or more of the following FPL eligibility groups to include others beyond those identified in D.1. and D.2.

   - Yes
   - No
E. Use of MAGI-like Methodologies

1. The state uses MAGI-like methodologies for one or more populations for whom the most closely related cash assistance program would be the AFDC program in effect as of July 16, 1996.

☐ Yes

☐ No
F. Countable Income Deductions for the Medically Needy

In determining countable income for individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability, the state deducts:

1. Amounts that would be deducted in determining eligibility under SSI.

2. The highest amounts that would be deducted in determining eligibility for optional state supplements if these supplements are paid to all individuals who are receiving SSI or would be eligible for SSI except for their income.
### Non-MAGI Methodologies

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#### G. Additional Information (optional)
## Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

### Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119.
☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Additional Information (optional)

Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

• N/A
Medicaid State Plan Eligibility
Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

Individuals with income equal to or less than 100% of the FPL, who are entitled to Medicare Part A, and who qualify for Medicare cost-sharing.

The state covers the mandatory qualified Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII (Medicare Part A), including individuals who have purchased a premium to enroll in Part A.

2. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.
B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.
   - Yes
   - No
   The less restrictive income methodologies are:
     - Census Bureau wages are disregarded.
     - The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

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3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.
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   - No
   The less restrictive resource methodologies are:
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Description of disregard: The State shall disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to decennial census activities.
C. Income Standard Used

The amount of the income standard for this group is 100% FPL.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment of co-insurance and deductibles for Medicare Parts A, B and C and payment for the premiums for Medicare Parts A and B.

Medical assistance begins the first day of the month following the month in which the individual is determined to qualify for this eligibility group.
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries
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F. Additional Information (optional)
The state covers the mandatory specified low income Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.

2. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.
B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

☐ Yes  
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The less restrictive income methodologies are:

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C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be above 100% FPL and below 120% FPL.

D. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries
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F. Additional Information (optional)
Medicaid State Plan Eligibility
Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Qualifying Individuals

Individuals with income at or above 120% and below 135% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

The state covers the mandatory qualifying individuals group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.

2. Are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid under the state plan.

3. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.
B. Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

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E. Medical Assistance Provided

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.
Qualifying Individuals
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B. Medically Needy Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified groups of individuals who are medically needy.

☐ Yes ☐ No
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- N/A
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Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization

Individuals who would be eligible for federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement, except for institutionalization.

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The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are in a medical institution.

2. Would meet the eligibility requirements for at least one of the following cash assistance programs, but for the lower income standards used to determine eligibility for institutionalized individuals:
   - ☑ a. SSI
   - ☐ b. Optional State Supplement
   - ☐ c. AFDC
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B. Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.
   - Yes
   - No

2. The state covers the following populations:
   - a. Individuals age 65 or older
   - b. Individuals who have blindness
   - c. Individuals who have a disability
   - d. All children under a specified age limit:
   - e. Reasonable classifications of children
   - f. Parents and other caretaker relatives
   - g. Pregnant women
   - h. Other population
C. Financial Methodologies

1. In calculating household income and resources for individuals who are seeking eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or disability, SSI methodologies are used. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

- Yes
- No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

- Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to decennial census activities.

4. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

- Yes
- No
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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.
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#### F. Additional Information (optional)
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Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules

Individuals who would be eligible for Medicaid if they were in an institution and who receive home and community-based services.

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The state operates the Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Would be eligible for Medicaid if in a medical institution.

2. But for the provision of home and community-based services under a waiver granted under section 1915(c), (d) or (e) of the Act:
   a. For waivers granted under 1915(c), the individuals would otherwise require the level of care furnished in a hospital, a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
   b. For waivers granted under 1915(d) or (e), the individuals would otherwise require the level of care furnished in a hospital or nursing facility.

3. Will receive the waivered services.
B. Income and Resource Methodologies

1. The income and resource methodologies used for this group are those used to determine eligibility for a state plan group under which the individual would be eligible if in an institution.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.
   - ☑ Yes
   - ☐ No
   
   The less restrictive income methodologies are:
   
   ☑ Census Bureau wages are disregarded.
   
   **Description of disregard:** Disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to decennial census activities.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☑ No
C. Income and Resource Standards

The income and resource standards used for this group are those used to determine eligibility for a state plan group under which the individual would be eligible if in an institution.
Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules

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D. Additional Information (optional)
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Children under Age 19 with a Disability

Children under age 19 with a disability who would be eligible if they were in a medical institution (known as Katie Beckett).

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The state operates the Children under Age 19 with a Disability eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are under age 19 and qualify as an individual with a disability under section 1614(a) of the Act.

2. For whom the state has determined the following:
   a. The individual requires a level of care provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities;
   b. It is appropriate to provide such care for the child outside such an institution; and
   c. The estimated cost for the individual's care is not greater than the cost which would otherwise be expended within an appropriate institution.

3. Would be eligible for one or more of the following Medicaid eligibility groups if in a medical institution:
   - a. Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level
   - b. Age and Disability-related Poverty Level
   - c. Medically Needy Individuals
   - d. Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance
   - e. Other eligibility group(s):
B. Financial Methodologies and Standards

1. The income and resource methodologies and standards for the group used to determine institutional eligibility are used for this group.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

   - Yes
   - No

   The less restrictive income methodologies are:

   - Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

   Description of disregard: Disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to decennial census activities.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

   - Yes
   - No
C. Cost Effectiveness Determination

1. The cost-effectiveness determination is performed:
   - a. Annually
   - b. Semi-annually
   - c. Other frequency:

2. The calculation is made at the individual level, using the following methodology:
   - a. Standard methodology is used.
     i. The cost of services for the individual at home is determined using one of the following methods:
        - (1) By projecting the approved plan of care.

        **Description:**

        The total cost to the Medicaid program of services required to maintain an individual in their home will be compared to the Medicaid cost for an appropriate level of institutional care. The Medicaid cost is based on the historical costs of receiving services in the applicable type of medical institution. At any time the average cost in the home is greater than the institutional cost the payment for home care will be discontinued unless there is documentation that the home care cost will decrease to a level below institutional care within 60 days. Initial comparison of costs will use an estimated cost for home care based on the plan of care.

        Costs included in the home care will be limited to those services that would be included in the institutional payment. The primary services included are: nutritional therapy or supplements; physical, speech, or occupational therapy; medical equipment; home health agency services; private duty nursing services; and personal care services. Home care services paid by a third party will not be considered in the Medicaid cost to maintain an individual in their home.

        - (2) By using another method

     ii. The cost of providing institutional care at the appropriate level of care for this individual is determined using the following method:

        **Description:**

        See above.

     iii. At the time of the cost effectiveness determination, the cost of care for the individual at home is considered to be cost effective if it does not exceed the cost of the individual’s institutional care.

Additional comments (optional):
b. An alternative methodology is used.
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D. Additional Information (optional)
Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Work Incentives

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Individuals with a disability with income below 250% of the FPL, who would qualify for SSI except for earned income.

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The state covers the optional Work Incentives eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Have earned income.

2. Meet the SSI definition of disability, but for earned income.

3. Meet income and resource standards following a two-step process, which includes:
   a. Step One - A comparison of family net income to 250% FPL; and
   b. Step Two - A comparison of individual net income and resources to the SSI standards, excluding earned income.
B. Step One Financial Methodologies and Income Test

1. Financial methodologies
   a. SSI methodologies are used in calculating family income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.
   b. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.
      ☑ Yes
      ☐ No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

☑ Income from household members is disregarded.

☑ Income of the spouse is disregarded.

☑ Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description: Income of the individual's spouse is disregarded.

Description of disregard: Disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to decennial census activities.

2. Income Test

Family net income must be less than 250% FPL. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies for the definition of family size.
C. Step Two Financial Methodologies and Income/Resource Test

1. Financial methodologies

   a. SSI methodologies are used in calculating income and resources, except that earned income is not counted. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

   b. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

      ☑ Yes
      ☐ No

   The less restrictive income methodologies are:

   ☑ Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

   Description of disregard: Disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to decennial census activities.

   c. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

      ☑ Yes
      ☐ No

   The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

      ☑ The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

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2. Income Test

   For individuals who pass Step One, in Step Two, the individual's unearned income (plus deemed income, if appropriate) must be less than one of the following income standards:

   ☑ a. The SSI income standard.
   ☐ b. The income standard of the state supplement program.

3. Resource Test

   The individual's resources must be less than the SSI resource standard.
D. Premiums and Cost Sharing

Requirements for premiums and cost sharing for this group are found in the premium and cost sharing sections of the state plan.
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