

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

October 5, 2022

Susan Birch, Director
Dr. Charissa Fotinos, Acting Medicaid Director
Health Care Authority
PO Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

Re: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-22-0022

Dear Ms. Birch and Dr. Fotinos:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) WA-22-0022. This amendment proposes to increase the excess home equity limit to the federal maximum allowed amount when determining a person's eligibility for SSI-related long-term care (LTC) services as described in WAC 182-513-1350.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations at 1905(a) of the Act. This letter is to inform you that WA-22-0022 was approved on October 5, 2022, with an effective date of July 9, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Edwin Walaszek at 212-616-2512 or via email at Edwin.Walaszek1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Ann Myers-ann.myers@hca.wa.gov

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
2 2 — 0 0 2 2

2. STATE
WA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
 XIX XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 9, 2022

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
1905(a) of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2022 \$ 0
b. FFY 2023 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Supplement 17 to Attachment 2.6-A page 1

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Supplement 17 to Attachment 2.6-A page 1

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Excess Home Equity Increase

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL
 OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL


12. TYPED NAME
Charissa Fotinos, MD, MSc

13. TITLE
Medicaid and Behavioral Health Medical Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED
September 6, 2022

15. RETURN TO
State Plan Coordinator
Office of Rules & Publications
Health Care Authority
POB 42716
Olympia, WA 98504

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16. DATE RECEIVED
September 6, 2022

17. DATE APPROVED
October 5, 2022

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
July 9, 2022

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

**DISQUALIFICATION FOR LONG-TERM CARE ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
SUBSTANTIAL HOME EQUITY**

- 1917(f) The State agency denies reimbursement for nursing facility services and other long-term care services covered under the State Plan for an individual who does not have a spouse, child under 21, or adult disabled child residing in the individual's home, when the individual's equity interest in the home exceeds the following amount:
- \$500,000 (increased by the annual percentage increase in the urban component of the consumer price index beginning with 2011, rounded to the nearest \$1,000).
- An amount that exceeds \$500,000 but does not exceed \$750,000 (increased by the annual percentage increase in urban component of the consumer price index beginning with 2011, rounded to the nearest \$1,000).

The amount chosen by the State is the federal maximum allowed. On January 1 of each year, this standard may change by the percentage in the Consumer Price Index for all consumers.

- This higher standard applies statewide.
- This higher standard does not apply statewide. It only applies in the following areas of the State:
- This higher standard applies to all eligibility groups.
- This higher standard only applies to the following eligibility groups:

The State has a process under which this limitation will be waived in cases of undue hardship.