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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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**Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services**

June 14, 2021

Sue Birch
Health Care Authority Director
Health Care Authority
PO Box 45502
Olympia WA , WA 98504

Re: Approval of State Plan Amendment WA-21-0002

Dear Ms. Birch,

On March 25, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) received Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-21-0002, which proposed to adopt a new resource disregard under the authority of section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act.

We approve Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) WA-21-0002 with an effective date(s) of January 01, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Nikki Lemmon at nicole.lemmon@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott

Director, Division of Program Operations
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services

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Package Information

Package ID	WA2021MS0001O	Submission Type	Official
Program Name	N/A	State	WA
SPA ID	WA-21-0002	Region	Seattle, WA
Version Number	4	Package Status	Approved
Submitted By	Ann Myers	Submission Date	3/25/2021
Package Disposition		Approval Date	6/14/2021 1:29 PM EDT

Submission - Summary

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Washington

Medicaid Agency Name: Health Care Authority

Submission Component

☒ State Plan Amendment

☒ Medicaid

☐ CHIP

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SPA ID and Effective Date

SPA ID WA-21-0002

Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
Mandatory Eligibility Groups	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030
Qualifying Individuals	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030
Optional Eligibility Groups	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability	1/1/2021	WA-20-0030

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives	The agency chooses to provide a reasonable timeframe for reducing excess resources accumulated during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) by certain individuals subject to the post-eligibility treatment of income (PETI) rules for long-term services and supports (LTSS). Under FFCRA, these individuals accumulated extra resources, due to no changes being made to their PETI. Income they would have otherwise paid toward the cost of their care resulted in an increase in their resources that began to exceed program standards. This methodology also will prevent an institutionalized beneficiary from having to spend down any such excess resources during the PHE. See SUPPLEMENT 8b TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A, p 2 and SUPPLEMENT 12 TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A, p. 1d. This methodology will remain in effect through the twelve months following the end of the COVID-19 PHE.
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Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2021	\$0
Second	2022	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV-VI), 1902(a)(10)(C), and 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

- ☐ No comment
☐ Comments received
☐ No response within 45 days
☒ Other

Describe Exempt

Submission - Medicaid State Plan

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The submission includes the following:

☐ Administration

☒ Eligibility

☐ Income/Resource Methodologies

☐ Income/Resource Standards

☒ Mandatory Eligibility Groups

Reviewable Unit Name	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type

Mandatory Eligibility Groups ☐ APPROVED

☐ Optional Eligibility Groups

Reviewable Unit Name	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type

Optional Eligibility Groups ☐ APPROVED

☐ Non-Financial Eligibility

☐ Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

☐ Benefits and Payments

Submission - Public Comment

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Indicate whether public comment was solicited with respect to this submission.

- ☐ Public notice was not federally required and comment was not solicited
- ☒ Public notice was not federally required, but comment was solicited
- ☐ Public notice was federally required and comment was solicited

Indicate how public comment was solicited:

- ☐ Newspaper Announcement
- ☐ Publication in state's administrative record, in accordance with the administrative procedures requirements
- ☐ Email to Electronic Mailing List or Similar Mechanism
- ☒ Website Notice

Select the type of website

- ☒ Website of the State Medicaid Agency or Responsible Agency

Date of Posting: Dec 10, 2020

Website URL: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/news-data-and-reports-hca/public-notices>

- ☐ Website for State Regulations
- ☐ Other

- ☐ Public Hearing or Meeting
- ☐ Other method

Upload copies of public notices and other documents used

Name	Date Created
21-0002 LTSS COVID Resource Disregard Public Notice WSR 21-01-071	3/22/2021 7:30 PM EDT



Upload with this application a written summary of public comments received (optional)

Name	Date Created
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No items available

Indicate the key issues raised during the public comment period (optional)

- ☐ Access
- ☐ Quality
- ☐ Cost
- ☐ Payment methodology
- ☐ Eligibility
- ☐ Benefits
- ☐ Service delivery
- ☐ Other issue

Submission - Tribal Input

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One or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services in this state

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

This state plan amendment is likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations, as described in the state consultation plan.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

☒ The state has solicited advice from Indian Health Programs and/or Urban Indian Organizations, as required by section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act, and in accordance with the state consultation plan, prior to submission of this SPA.

Complete the following information regarding any solicitation of advice and/or tribal consultation conducted with respect to this submission:

Solicitation of advice and/or Tribal consultation was conducted in the following manner:

☒ All Indian Health Programs

Date of solicitation/consultation:

12/9/2020

Method of solicitation/consultation:

Email and hard copy letter

☒ All Urban Indian Organizations

Date of solicitation/consultation:

12/9/2020

Method of solicitation/consultation:

Email and hard copy letter

States are not required to consult with Indian tribal governments, but if such consultation was conducted voluntarily, provide information about such consultation below:

☒ All Indian Tribes

Date of consultation:

3/24/2021

Method of consultation:

Email and hard copy letter

The state must upload copies of documents that support the solicitation of advice in accordance with statutory requirements, including any notices sent to Indian Health Programs and/or Urban Indian Organizations, as well as attendee lists if face-to-face meetings were held. Also upload documents with comments received from Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations and the state's responses to any issues raised. Alternatively indicate the key issues and summarize any comments received below and describe how the state incorporated them into the design of its program.

Name

Date Created

21-0002 LTSS COVID Resource Disregard Tribal Notice Documentation

3/22/2021 7:59 PM EDT



Indicate the key issues raised (optional)

- ☐ Access
☐ Quality
☐ Cost
☐ Payment methodology
☐ Eligibility

Benefits

Service delivery

Other issue

Name of issue:

Summarize comments:

Summarize response:

Request for draft SPA

A request was made for a copy of the draft SPA.

A draft of the SPA was sent by email with an extensive description of the purpose of the SPA. Response by email or discussion on a phone call was requested.

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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Mandatory Coverage

A. The state provides Medicaid to mandatory groups of individuals. The mandatory groups covered are:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Infants and Children under Age 19		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Deemed Newborns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children with Title IV-E Adoption Assistance, Foster Care or Guardianship Care		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Transitional Medical Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Extended Medicaid due to Spousal Support Collections		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
SSI Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Closed Eligibility Groups		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Deemed To Be Receiving SSI		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Working Individuals under 1619(b)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

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B. The state elects the Adult Group, described at 42 CFR 435.119.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name	Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package [?]	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type [?]
Adult Group 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED

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

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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.

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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.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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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.

Description of disregard: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities are excluded.

☒ The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

Description:

Income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

MSP

When determining the available income of an individual for the QMB or SLMB program the agency shall exclude from countable income an amount equal to that expended on medical expenses.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

☒ A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:

Description:

Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI

Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.

Name of resource type:**Description:**

Sales contract resource

Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

IDA account

All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act

20 days

Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful.

Holocaust survivor

When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:**Description:**

FFCRA plus 12

Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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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)

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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Individuals with income above 100% and below 120% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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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.

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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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.

Description of disregard: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities are excluded.

☒ The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

Description:

Income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

MSP

When determining the available income of an individual for the QMB or SLMB program the agency shall exclude from countable income an amount equal to that expended on medical expenses.

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

☒ A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:

Description:

Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI

Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.

Name of resource type:**Description:**

Sales contract resource

Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

IDA account

All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act

20 days

Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful.

Holocaust survivor

When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:**Description:**

FFCRA plus 12

Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

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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

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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.

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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.

Qualifying Individuals

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

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☐ No

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Description of disregard: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities are excluded.

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Income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

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Name of resource type:

Description:

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IDA account

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Name of resource type:**Description:**

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C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be at or above 120% FPL and below 135% 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.

Qualifying Individuals

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F. Additional Information (optional)

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Optional Eligibility Groups

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A. Options for Coverage

The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals.



☒ Yes ☐ No














The optional eligibility groups covered in the state plan are (elections made in this screen may not be comprehensive during the transition period from the paper-based state plan to MACPro):

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Optional Targeted Low Income Children		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals with Tuberculosis		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type?
Individuals Receiving Home and Community-Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
PACE Participants		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Work Incentives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Basic		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

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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

The medically needy eligibility groups covered in the state plan are:

1. Mandatory Medically Needy:

Families and Adults



Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Pregnant Women		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Children under Age 18		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Protected Medically Needy Individuals Who Were Eligible in 1973		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

2. Optional Medically Needy:

Families and Adults

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	APPROVED

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C. Additional Information (optional)

Effective January 1, 2019, Washington no longer covers the Medicaid eligibility group for individuals who qualify on the basis of receiving optional state supplement payments (1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XI) 42 CFR 435.232 and 435.434).

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

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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Individuals who are eligible for but not receiving federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement.

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The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

1. Meet the eligibility requirements of at least one of the following cash assistance programs:

- ☒ a. SSI
- ☐ b. Optional State Supplement
- ☐ c. AFDC

2. Do not receive cash assistance under these programs.

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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B. Individuals Covered

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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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: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities are excluded.

☒ The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

Description:

Income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

☒ A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:

Description:

property sales contract

Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

☒ A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
One-half resources	Effective January 1, 1989, it is presumed that one-half of the total resources held jointly by the husband and wife, or held separately by the applicant/recipient, are owned by each spouse (TN 89-2, Approved 8/17/90)
Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI	Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.
IDA account	All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act
20 days	Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful.
Holocaust survivor	When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.
Non-exempt resources	Non-exempt resources in excess of the Medically Needy resource levels can, at the individuals option, be reduced by allowable incurred expenses as long as such expenses have not been used to reduce excess income.
FFCRA plus 12	Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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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.

Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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F. Additional Information (optional)

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization

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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

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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.

2. In calculating household income and resources for populations for which AFDC is the most closely related program, the following methodology(ies) are used:

- ☐ a. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.
☒ b. AFDC methodologies. 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:

☒ The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

- ☐ Between the following percentages of the FPL:
☐ Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the FPL:
☐ Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate and:
☒ Between other income standards:

Between this standard: TANF payment standard by family size

and this standard: AFDC payment standard by family size

☒ The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:

Description:

community income

Effective July 1, 1986, if the community income received in the name of the non-applicant or ineligible spouse, living in a separate residence, exceeds the community income received in the name of the applicant/recipient spouse, the applicant/recipient spouse's interest in that excess is considered unavailable to the applicant/recipient.

income tax obligation

Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility

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Disregard income equal to the difference between the Federal Benefit Rate and the Categorically Needy Income Level for individuals and couples as in effect on January 1, 2002

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
property sales contract	Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
One-half resources	Effective January 1, 1989, it is presumed that one-half of the total resources held jointly by the husband and wife, or held separately by the applicant/recipient, are owned by each spouse (TN 89-2, Approved 8/17/90)
Independence Account - earnings while enrolled in MBI	Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket and BBA work incentives eligibility groups.
IDA account	All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act
20 days	Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful.
Holocaust survivor	When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.
Non-exempt resources	Non-exempt resources in excess of the Medically Needy resource levels can, at the individuals option, be reduced by allowable incurred expenses as long as such expenses have not been used to reduce excess income.

Name of methodology:

Description:

FFCRA plus 12

Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

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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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Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability

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Individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability who do not qualify as categorically needy.

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The state covers the optional Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Characteristics

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

- 1.Meet at least one of the following:
 - a. Are age 65 or older;
 - b. Have blindness; or
 - c. Have a disability.
2. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.
3. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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B. Individuals Covered

The state covers the following populations:

- ☒ 1. Individuals age 65 or older
- ☒ 2. Individuals with blindness
- ☒ 3. Individuals who have a disability

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C. Financial Methodologies

1. The state uses the same financial methodology for all individuals covered.

☒ Yes

☐ No

2. The financial methodology used is:

a. SSI methodologies. 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: Wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities are excluded.

☒ The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Income tax obligation	Unearned income withheld, prior receipt by the individual, for income tax purposes, or otherwise withheld beyond the individual's control, is considered exempt when determining eligibility
Maintenance for MN	Income of an individual is exempt in an amount equal to the maintenance allowance of the individual's spouse, living in the same household, who is eligible under clause (VI) of section 1902 (a) (10) (A) (ii) of the Act, less the income of the spouse.

Name of methodology:	Description:
community income	Effective July 1, 1986, if the community income received in the name of the non-applicant or ineligible spouse, living in a separate residence, exceeds the community income received in the name of the applicant/recipient spouse, the applicant/recipient spouse's interest in that excess is considered unavailable to the applicant/recipient.

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

Yes No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.	Description of disregard: Non-cash resources, which cannot be expected to be converted into cash within 20 working days, are not considered available to the extent that an ongoing bona fide effort to convert them into cash is unsuccessful.
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The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of resources set aside in specified types of accounts.

Resources set aside in an Assets for Independence Act (IDA) account	Description: All funds in IDA accounts funded under the Assets for Independence Act
Resources set aside in Independence/Freedom accounts	Description: Designated separate account that consists only of earnings resulting from work activity while enrolled in the Ticket

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groups.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
FFCRA plus 12	Income that would have otherwise been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020. Such resources will be disregarded through the twelve months following the end of the month in which the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.
sales contract	Effective August 1, 1993, to the extent that it is not transferred, a sales contract on property that was the principal place of residence at the time of institutionalization is an exempt resource. The contract must provide a reasonable rate of return: 1) the interest is consistent with prevailing rates at the time of the sale; and 2) the payment of amount owed is anticipated within the lifetime of the client but does not exceed thirty years. Both interest and principal received in the form of payments are considered unearned income, unless otherwise exempted.

Name of methodology:	Description:
LTC MN excess resources	Non-exempt resources in excess of the Medically Needy resource levels can, at the individuals option, be reduced by allowable incurred expenses as long as such expenses have not been used to reduce excess income.
Holocaust survivor proceeds	When determining the countable resources for a Holocaust survivor, exclude recoveries of insurance proceeds or other assets.
One-half resources	Effective January 1, 1989, it is presumed that one-half of the total resources held jointly by the husband and wife, or held separately by the applicant/recipient, are owned by each spouse (TN 89-2, Approved 8/17/90)

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D. Income Standard Used

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

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E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

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F. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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