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**RE: Arizona SPA #19-006, Census Wage Eligibility Groups**

Dear Mr. Zolynas:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) #19-006, Census Wage Eligibility Groups, which revises the State Plan to update the eligibility group categories for which census related wages are exempt, effective July 1, 2019.

If you have any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Alex Demyan at (602) 417-4130.

Sincerely,



Dana Hearn  
Assistant Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

cc: Blake Holt, CMS  
Mark Wong, CMS

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>1 9</u> — <u>0 0 6</u>	2. STATE Arizona
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2019	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*)

- NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate transmittal for each amendment*)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION Social Security Act §1902(r)(2)	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>2019</u> \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY <u>2020</u> \$ <u>0</u>
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT SUPPLEMENT 8a to ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 1a	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT ( <i>If Applicable</i> ) SUPPLEMENT 8a to ATTACHMENT 2.6-A Page 1a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Updates the eligibility groups for which wages related to Census activities are excluded.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	16. RETURN TO  Dana Hearn 801 E. Jefferson, MD#4200 Phoenix, Arizona 85034
13. TYPED NAME Dana Hearn	
14. TITLE Assistant Director	
15. DATE SUBMITTED September 30, 2019	

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17. DATE RECEIVED	18. DATE APPROVED
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL
21. TYPED NAME	22. TITLE

23. REMARKS

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ARIZONA

II. Except for ALTCS eligibility, including individuals approved for ALTCS acute care services under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) of the Act, the following income method applies to aged, blind or disabled individuals covered under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) of the Act.

The State shall disregard the amount equal to the difference between 100% of the Federal poverty guidelines (as revised annually in the Federal Register) for an individual or a couple and the corresponding Federal Benefit Rate. (The disregard shall be applied by using 100% of the FPL for an individual or a couple as the income standard.)

When applying this disregard, if the individual or the individual's spouse has earned income, the \$20 and \$65 disregards shall apply according to SSI methodology, but not one-half of the remainder. If ineligible because the one-half of the remainder disregard is not allowed, eligibility shall also be determined using the FBR as the income standard for the individual or couple, allowing the \$20, \$65, and one-half of the remainder disregard according to SSI methodology.

In determining the income of an individual who is receiving Title II (Social Security) income, the State shall disregard the amount attributable to the cost of living increase in the level of monthly income payable pursuant to section 215(i) of the Act, from January until the State implements the Federal Poverty Guideline for the current year.

III. The following income method applies to TWWIIA individuals covered in Sections #24 and #25 on ATTACHMENT 2.2-A, page 23d under 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) and (XVI) of the Act. The State shall follow SSI computation rules with the following exceptions:

- The State shall disregard the unearned income of the applicant/recipient.
- The State shall disregard the earned and unearned income of the spouse and/or any other family members including a deduction for a minor child.

IV. The following income method applies to pregnant individuals covered under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) of the Act:

- The State shall disregard the amount equal to the difference between 140% and 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. (The disregard shall be applied by using 150% of the FPL as the income standard.)

\* More liberal methods may not result in exceeding income limitations under section 1903(f)

\*\*A child is a person, as defined in 20 CFR 416.1856, who is a natural child or adopted child of the applicant/recipient or his or her spouse

V. All wages paid by the Census Bureau for Temporary employment related to Census activities are excluded for the eligibility groups listed below:

- ~~1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) - Qualified children and pregnant women~~
- ~~1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) - Poverty level pregnant women and children (133-185% FPL).~~
- ~~1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VI) - Poverty level children under age 6 (133% FPL).~~
- ~~1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VII) - Poverty level children under age 19 (100% FPL).~~
- ~~1905(p) - QMBs.~~
- ~~1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) - SLMBs.~~
- ~~1902(a)(10)(E)(iv)(I) - QIs.~~
- 1905(p) - QMB
- 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) - SLMB
- 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv)(I) - QI
- 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) - TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group
- 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) - TWWIIA Medically Improved Group
- 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) - SSI Non-Cash