

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Regional Operations Group

January 9, 2020

Jami Snyder, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
801 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Ms. Snyder:

This letter concerns State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-006, which AHCCCS submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) San Francisco office on September 30, 2019. This SPA updates the list of eligibility groups for which wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to Census activities are exempt, effective July 1, 2019.

Please be advised that SPA 19-006 was deemed approved on December 29, 2019, pursuant to regulations at 42 CFR § 430.16, with an effective date of July 1, 2019. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1a State Plan page.

This SPA was originally submitted to the CMS San Francisco SPA mailbox (SPA_Waivers_SanFrancisco_R09@cms.hhs.gov) on September 30, 2019. As part of the initial screening of SPA 19-006, AHCCCS was advised to submit the SPA in the MACPro system, as this type of eligibility SPA should be submitted in that system. AHCCCS submitted the SPA into MACPro on December 17, 2019. The original September 30, 2019 submission, however, was neither processed to approval by the CMS San Francisco office before the 90th day nor officially withdrawn. Consequently, the September 30, 2019 submission was deemed approved.

CMS intends to continue working with AHCCCS on the December 17, 2019 MACPro submission to incorporate the changes approved in SPA 19-006 into the MACPro system.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Brian Zolynas at (415) 744-3601 or Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Allen", is positioned above the typed name.

Richard C. Allen
Director
Western Regional Operations Group

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
1 9 — 0 0 6

2. STATE
Arizona

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2019

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 2019 \$ 0
b. FFY 2020 \$ 0

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 (*If Applicable*)
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



13. TYPED NAME
Dana Hearn

14. TITLE
Assistant Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED
September 30, 2019

16. RETURN TO

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17. DATE RECEIVED
September 30, 2019

18. DATE APPROVED
December 29, 2019

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
July 1, 2019

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL


21. TYPED NAME
Richard C. Allen

22. TITLE
Director, Western Regional Operations Group

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 TWWIA 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:

- 1905(p) – QMB
- 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii) – SLMB
- 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv)(I) – QI
- 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) – TWWIA Basic Coverage Group
- 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) - TWWIA Medically Improved Group
- 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I) – SSI Non-Cash