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Commissioner

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March 29, 2024

James G. Scott, Director Division of Program Operations Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 601 E. 12th St., Room 355 Kansas City, Missouri 64106

RE: SPA #24-0059

Dear Mr. Scott:

Governor

The State requests approval of the enclosed amendment #24-0059 to the Title XIX (Medicaid) State Plan effective January 1, 2024 (Appendix I).

A summary of the plan amendment is provided in Appendix II. A copy of pertinent sections of enacted legislation is enclosed for your information (Appendix III).

In keeping with our continued agreement, this amendment is being sent to you prior to the end of the first quarter.

If you or your staff have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Regina Deyette of my staff at (518) 473-3658.

Sincerely,

Amir Bassiri Medicaid Director Office of Health Insurance Programs

**Enclosures** 

FORM CMS-179 (09/24)

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	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  January 1, 2024
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
§ 1902(a)(10)(C)	a FFY 01/01/24-09/30/24 \$ 8,790,337 b. FFY 10/01/24-09/30/25 \$ 27,543,057
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Attachment: MacPro Portal SPA	Attachment: MacPro Portal SPA
9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT	
2024 Medically Needy Resource Level	
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:
11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL	15. RETURN TO
	New York State Department of Health
12. TYPED NAME	Division of Finance and Rate Setting
Amir Bassiri	99 Washington Ave – One Commerce Plaza
13. TITLE	Suite 1432 Albany, NY 12210
Medicaid Director  14. DATE SUBMITTED March 29, 2024	255
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## Appendix I 2024 Title XIX State Plan First Quarter Amendment Amended SPA Pages

Records / Submission Packages - Your State

## NY - Submission Package - NY2024MS0001O - (NY-24-0059) - Eligibility

Summary Reviewable Units

News Related Actions

CMS 10434 OMB 0938 1188

## **Package Information**

Package ID NY2024MS0001O

Program Name N/A

**SPA ID** NY-24-0059

Version Number 1

**Submitted By** Jennifer Yungandreas

Submission Type Official

State NY

Region New York, NY

Package Status Submitted

Submission Date 3/29/2024

Regulatory Clock 90 days remain

**Review Status** Review 1

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## **Package Header**

Package ID NY2024MS00010

Submission Type Official

Approval Date N/A

Superseded SPA ID N/A

**Reviewable Unit Instructions** 

#### **State Information**

State/Territory Name: New York

## **Submission Component**

State Plan Amendment

**SPA ID** NY 24 0059

Initial Submission Date 3/29/2024

Effective Date N/A

Medicaid Agency Name: Department of Health

Medicaid

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#### **SPA ID and Effective Date**

SPA ID NY-24-0059

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Effective Date N/A

Reviewable Unit	Proposed Effective Date	Superseded SPA ID
Medically Needy Resource Level	1/1/2024	NY 23 0001

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Initial Submission Date 3/29/2024

Effective Date N/A

## **Executive Summary**

Summary Description Including This State Plan Amendment proposes to update the Medically Needy resource levels. The resource levels for the Medically Needy program will continue to be calculated at one and Goals and Objectives half times the effective annual income threshold for households of one and two.

#### Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

#### **Federal Budget Impact**

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2024	\$8790337
Second	2025	\$27543057

#### Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

1902(a)(10)(C)

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

Name	Date Created	
Fiscal Calculations (24-0059) (3-5-24)	3/5/2024 2:48 PM EST	NLO
2024 Placeholder Budget Fiscal Methodology 2022 (24-0059)	3/5/2024 2:49 PM EST	XLS
Authorizing Provisions (24-0059) (3-1-24)	3/5/2024 2:49 PM EST	Boo

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#### **Governor's Office Review**

No comment

O Comments received

O No response within 45 days

Other

**SPA ID** NY-24-0059

Initial Submission Date 3/29/2024

Effective Date N/A

Submission - Medicaid State Plan  MEDICAID   Medicaid State Plan   Eligibility   NY2024MS00010   NY-24-0059  CMS-10434 OMB 0938-1188		
The submission includes the following:		
Administration		
☐ Income/Resource Methodologies ☐ Income/Resource Standards		
<ul> <li>         ☐ Mandatory Eligibility Groups         ☐ Optional Eligibility Groups         ☐ Non-Financial Eligibility         ☐ Eligibility and Enrollment Processes     </li> <li>         ☐ Benefits and Payments     </li> </ul>		

AFDC Income Standards	
Medically Needy Income Level	
Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown)	
Medically Needy Resource Level	
Reviewable Unit Name	Included in Another Submission Package
Medically Needy Resource Level	APPROVED

## **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

O Public notice was not federally required, but comment was solicited

O Public notice was federally required and comment was solicited

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## **Submission - Tribal Input**

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**Package Header** Package ID NY2024MS0001O **SPA ID** NY 24 0059 Submission Type Official Initial Submission Date 3/29/2024 Approval Date N/A Effective Date N/A Superseded SPA ID N/A **Reviewable Unit Instructions** One or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services in This state plan amendment is likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or this state Urban Indian Organizations, as described in the state consultation plan. Yes Yes  $\bigcirc$  No ○ 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: Method of solicitation/consultation: 3/14/2024 paper mailing/electronic mailing All Urban Indian Organizations 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 Method of consultation: Date of consultation: 3/14/2024 paper mailing/electronic mailing 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 Tribal Consultation (24-0059) (Summary) (3-14-24) 3/14/2024 1:08 PM EDT

Indicate the key issues raised (optional)

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## Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Income/Resource Standards

#### Medically Needy Resource Level

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## A. Medically Needy Resource Level Structure

- 1. The state employs a single resource level for the medically needy.
- 2. The resource level is equal to or higher than the lowest resource standard used under the most closely related cash assistance program.

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## Medically Needy Resource Level

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#### **B.** Resource Level Used

The level used is:

Household size	Standard	
1	\$31175.00	
2	\$42312.00	

The state uses an additional incremental amount for larger household sizes.

Yes

No

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## **C. Additional Information (optional)**

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PRA Disclosure Statement: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects this mandatory information in accordance with (42 U.S.C. 1396a) and (42 CFR 430.12); which sets forth the authority for the submittal and collection of state plans and plan amendment information in a format defined by CMS for the purpose of improving the state application and federal review processes, improve federal program management of Medicaid programs and Children's Health Insurance Program, and to standardize Medicaid program data which covers basic requirements, and individualized content that reflects the characteristics of the particular state's program. The information will be used to monitor and analyze performance metrics related to the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program in efforts to boost program integrity efforts, improve performance and accountability across the programs. Under the Privacy Act of 1974 any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1188. The time required to complete this information collection of range from 1 hour to 80 hours per response (see below), including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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## Appendix II 2024 Title XIX State Plan First Quarter Amendment Summary

## **SUMMARY SPA** #24-0059

This State Plan Amendment proposes to update the Medically Needy resource levels. The resource levels for the Medically Needy program will continue to be calculated at one and half times the effective annual income threshold for households of one and two.

# Appendix III 2024 Title XIX State Plan First Quarter Amendment Authorizing Provisions

#### SPA 24-0059

#### § 366.1(c)(2)

- (c) Non-MAGI eligibility groups. Individuals listed in this paragraph are eligible for standard coverage. Where a financial eligibility determination must be made by the medical assistance program for individuals in these groups, such financial eligibility will be determined in accordance with subdivision two of this section.
- (2) An individual who, although not receiving public assistance or care for his or her maintenance under other provisions of this chapter, has income and resources, including available support from responsible relatives, that does not exceed the amounts set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section, and is (i) sixty-five years of age or older, or certified blind or certified disabled or (ii) for reasons other than income or resources, is eligible for federal supplemental security income benefits and/or additional state payments.

#### § 366.1(b)(2)(d)

- (d) Resource eligibility shall be established in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subdivision.
- (a) The following income and resources shall be exempt and shall not be taken into consideration in determining a person's eligibility for medical care, services and supplies available under this title:
  - (1)(ii) for applications for medical assistance filed on or after January first, two thousand six, a homestead which is essential and appropriate to the needs of the household; provided, however, that in determining eligibility of an individual for medical assistance for nursing facility services and other long term care services, the individual shall not be eligible for such assistance if the individual's equity interest in the homestead exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand dollars; provided further, that the dollar amount specified in this clause shall be increased, beginning with the year two thousand eleven, from year to year, in an amount to be determined by the secretary of the federal department of health and human services, based on the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars. If such secretary does not determine such an amount, the department of health shall increase such dollar

amount based on such increase in the consumer price index. Nothing in this clause shall be construed as preventing an individual from using a reverse mortgage or home equity loan to reduce the individual's total equity interest in the homestead. The home equity limitation established

by this clause shall be waived in the case of a demonstrated hardship, as determined pursuant to criteria established by such secretary. The home equity limitation shall not apply if one or more of the following persons is lawfully residing in the individual's homestead: (A) the spouse of the individual; or (B) the individual's child who is under the age of twenty-one, or is blind or permanently and totally disabled, as defined in section 1614 of the federal social security act.

- (2) essential personal property;
- (3) a burial fund, to the extent allowed as an exempt resource under the cash assistance program to which the applicant is most closely related;
- (4) savings in amounts equal to one hundred fifty percent of the income amount permitted under subparagraph seven of this paragraph, provided, however, that the amounts for one and two person households shall not be less than the amounts permitted to be retained by households of the same size in order to qualify for benefits under the federal supplemental security income program;