

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**12/19/2013 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND
MEDICAID STATE PLAN**

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21

EOHHS will submit a change request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with an effective date of 1 January 2014, addressing changes brought by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Specifically, the purpose of this amendment is to comply with Section 2101(f) of the ACA. This change will ensure that children under age 19 who were enrolled in Medicaid on 31 December 2013 and would otherwise become ineligible for Medicaid at their first redetermination using the new Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology solely due to loss of income disregards will remain Medicaid eligible until their next redetermination using MAGI methodologies.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the OHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-1965 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by 1 January 2014 to Darren J. McDonald, Office of Policy and Innovation, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI, 02920, or dmcDonald@ohhs.ri.gov.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, or an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

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Medicaid Eligibility

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Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

Reasonable Classification of Individuals under Age 21

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42 CFR 435.222
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(I)
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IV)

Reasonable Classification of Individuals under Age 21 - The state elects to cover one or more reasonable classifications of individuals under age 21 who are not mandatorily eligible and who have income at or below a standard established by the state and in accordance with provisions described at 42 CFR 435.222.

Yes No

The state attests that it operates this eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

- Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must qualify under a reasonable classification by meeting the following criteria:
 - Be under age 21, or a lower age, as defined within the reasonable classification.
 - Have household income at or below the standard established by the state, if the state has an income standard for the reasonable classification.
 - Not be eligible and enrolled for mandatory coverage under the state plan.
- MAGI-based income methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to S10 MAGI-Based Income Methodologies, completed by the state.

The state covered at least one reasonable classification under this eligibility group under its Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013, with income standards higher (including disregarding all income) than the current mandatory income standards for the individual's age.

Yes No

The state also covered at least one reasonable classification under this group in the Medicaid state plan as of March 23, 2010 with income standards higher (including disregarding all income) than the current mandatory income standards for the individual's age.

Yes No

Reasonable Classifications Previously Covered

The state elects the option to include in this eligibility group reasonable classifications that were covered under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013.

Yes No

The state covers all children under a specified age limit, no higher than any age limit and/or income standard covered in the state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013, provided the income standard is higher than the current mandatory income standard for the individual's age. Higher income standards may include the disregard of all income.

Yes No



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The state covers reasonable classifications of children that were covered under the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013 with an income standard higher than the current mandatory income standard for the age group.

Yes No

The previously covered reasonable classifications to be included are:

Previously Covered Reasonable Classifications Included

Reasonable Classifications of Children				S11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individuals for whom public agencies are assuming full or partial financial responsibility.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individuals in adoptions subsidized in full or part by a public agency			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individuals in nursing facilities, if nursing facility services are provided under this plan			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individuals receiving active treatment as inpatients in psychiatric facilities or programs, if such services are provided under this plan			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other reasonable classifications			
	Name of classification	Description	Age Limit	
+	2101(f)-like children	2101(f)-like children who were enrolled in Medicaid on 12/31/13 and would otherwise become ineligible for Medicaid at their first redetermination using MAGI methodologies solely due to the loss of income disregards will remain Medicaid eligible until their next redetermination using MAGI methodologies.	Under age 19	X

Enter the income standard used for these classifications (which may be no higher than the highest standard used in the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013 or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013).

[Click here once S11 form above is complete to view the income standards form.](#)

2101(f)-like children

Income standard used

Minimum income standard

The minimum income standard for this classification of children must exceed the lowest income standard chosen for children under this age under the Infants and Children under Age 19 eligibility group.

Maximum income standard



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No income test was used (all income was disregarded) for this classification either in the Medicaid state plan as of December 31, 2013, or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration as of March 23, 2010 or December 31, 2013.

Yes No

The state's maximum standard for this classification of children is no income test (all income is disregarded).

Income standard chosen

Individuals qualify under this classification under the following income standard:

- This classification does not use an income test (all income is disregarded).
 Another income standard higher than the minimum income standard.

New reasonable classifications covered

If the state has not elected to cover the Adult Group (42 CFR 435.119), it may elect to cover additional new age groups or reasonable classifications that have not been covered previously. If the state covers the Adult Group, this additional option is not available, as the standard for the new age groups or classifications is lower than that used for mandatory coverage.

The state does not cover the Adult Group and elects the option to include in this eligibility group additional age groups or reasonable classifications that have not been covered previously in the state plan or under a Medicaid 1115 Demonstration. Any additional age groups or reasonable classifications not previously covered are restricted to the AFDC income standard from July 16, 1996, not converted to a MAGI-equivalent standard.

Yes No

There is no resource test for this eligibility group.

PRA Disclosure Statement

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