

State of Hawaii
Department of Human Services
MED-QUEST DIVISION

MEDICAID STATE PLAN

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ORIGINATOR: POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

TO: Custodian of Med-QUEST Division Medicaid State Plan

FROM:  for Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD
Med-QUEST Division Administrator

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT UNDER THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN

EXPLANATION:

The State of Hawaii received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for State Plan Amendment (SPA) Number 21-0004.

This amendment creates a new eligibility group “Working Individuals with Disabilities” to keep Medicaid coverage by allowing a more liberal income and resource methodology. This amendment also clarifies that working disabled adults will not have any premiums or other cost sharing charges.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Review and file the NEW Medicaid State Plan pages in your Medicaid State Plan Manual as follows:

Attachment 2.2-A pg. 23e

Attachment 2.6-A pg. 12d, 12e, 12f, 12g, 12m, 12n

The Med-QUEST Division amendment described above has been incorporated into the electronic version of the Medicaid State Plan located at the Department of Human Services (DHS) website link for public transparency below:

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/reports/hawaii-medicaid-state-plan/>

Attachments

- C: Attorney General's Office
- Audit, Quality Control & Research Office/Quality Control Staff
- Clinical Standards Office
- Department of Health/Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division
- Department of Health/State Planning Council Developmental Disabilities
- Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Division
- Department of Human Services /Adult Protective and Community Services Branch
- Department of Human Services/Policy and Program Development Office
- Eligibility System Project (KOLEA)
- Finance Office
- Hawaii Document Center/HI State Library
- Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau Library
- Health Care Services Branch
- Legal Aid Society of Hawaii

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Citation(s)	Groups Covered
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act	<p>B. <u>Optional Groups Other Than the Medically Needy</u> (continued)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 25. BBA Work Incentives Eligibility Group:</p> <p>Individuals with a disability whose net family income is below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of the size involved and who, except for earned income, meet all criteria for receiving benefits under SSI program. See page 12c of Attachment 2.6-A.</p>
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26. TWWIIA Basic Coverage Group:</p> <p>Individuals with a disability at least 19 but less than 65 years of age, whose income and resources do not exceed a standard established by the State. See page 12d of Attachment 2.6-A.</p>
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVI) of the Act	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 27. TWWIIA Medical Improvement Group:</p> <p>Employed individuals at least 16 but less than 65 years of age with medically improved disability, whose income and resources do not exceed a standard established by the State. See page 12h of Attachment 2.6-A.</p> <p>NOTE: If the State elects to cover this group, it MUST also cover the eligibility group described in item 26 above.</p>

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ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Citation(s)	Condition or Requirement
1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act	h. <u>Working Individuals with Disabilities - TWWIIA</u> (i) <u>Basic Coverage Group:</u> In determining financial eligibility for working individuals with disabilities under this provision, the following standards and methodologies are applied: <input type="checkbox"/> The agency does not apply any income or resource standard. NOTE: If the above option is chosen, no further eligibility-related options should be elected. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The agency applies the following income and/or resource standards(s): The countable net income limit is at or below 138% of the FPL for a household of applicable size. The resource standard shall equal three (3) times the SSI resource limit, adjusted annually by the increase in the consumer price index.

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1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act	<p data-bbox="781 443 1484 489">h. <u>Working Individuals with Disabilities - TWWIIA</u> (continue)</p> <p data-bbox="834 520 1419 541">Income Methodologies - <u>Basic Coverage Group</u></p> <p data-bbox="834 569 1484 642">In determining whether an individual meets the income standard described above, the agency uses the following methodologies:</p> <ul data-bbox="834 669 1484 1001" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="834 669 1484 695"><input type="checkbox"/> The income methodologies of the SSI program.<li data-bbox="834 722 1484 846"><input type="checkbox"/> The agency uses methodologies for treatment of income that are more restrictive than the SSI program. These more restrictive methodologies are described in Supplement 4 to Attachment 2.6-A.<li data-bbox="834 898 1484 1001"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The agency uses more liberal income methodologies than the SSI program. More liberal income methodologies are described in Supplement 8a to Attachment 2.6-A.

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1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XV) of the Act	<p data-bbox="784 411 1487 464">h. <u>Working Individuals with Disabilities - TWWIIA</u> (continue)</p> <p data-bbox="927 489 1474 541">Resource Methodologies - <u>Basic Coverage Group</u></p> <p data-bbox="927 567 1433 667">In determining whether an individual meets the resource standard described above, the agency uses the following methodologies.</p> <p data-bbox="927 693 1479 972">Unless one of the following items is checked, the agency, under the authority of 1902(r)(2) of the Act, disregards all funds held in retirement funds and accounts, including private retirement accounts such as IRAs and other individual account, and employer-sponsored retirement pension plans. Any disregard involving retirement accounts is separately described in Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A.</p> <p data-bbox="927 997 1479 1228"><input type="checkbox"/> The agency disregards funds held in employer-sponsored retirement plans, but not private retirement plans.</p> <p data-bbox="927 1102 1479 1228"><input type="checkbox"/> The agency disregards funds in retirement accounts in a manner other than those described above. The agency's disregard is specified in Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A.</p>

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h. <u>Working Individuals with Disabilities - TWWIIA</u> (continue)	<u>Resource Methodologies - Basic Coverage Group</u> (continue)
	<input type="checkbox"/> The agency does not disregard funds in retirement accounts.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The agency uses resource methodologies in addition to any indicated above that are more liberal than those used by the SSI program. More liberal resource methodologies are described in Supplement 8b to Attachment 2.6-A.
	<input type="checkbox"/> The agency uses the resource methodologies of the SSI Program.
	<input type="checkbox"/> The agency uses methodologies for the treatment of resources that are more restrictive than SSI program. These more restrictive methodologies are described in Supplement 5 to Attachment 2.6-A.

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1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII), (XV), (XVI) and 1916(g) of the Act	<p data-bbox="786 436 1479 485">h. <u>Working Individuals with Disabilities - TWWIIA</u> (continue)</p> <p data-bbox="842 514 1409 562"><u>Payment of Premiums or Other Cost Sharing Charges</u></p> <p data-bbox="842 590 1479 716">For individuals eligible under the Basic Coverage Group described in item 24 on page 23e of Attachment 2.2-A and the Medical Improvement Group described in item 25 on page 23e of Attachment 2.2-A:</p> <p data-bbox="842 743 1479 869">NOTE: Regardless of the option selected below, the agency MUST require that individuals whose annual adjusted gross income exceed \$75,000 (as defined under IRS statute) pay 100 percent of premiums.</p> <p data-bbox="842 896 1479 1098">The agency requires individuals to pay premiums or other cost-sharing charges on a sliding scale based on income. For individuals with net countable annual income below 450 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of the size involved, the amount of premiums cannot exceed 7.5 percent of the individual's income.</p> <p data-bbox="842 1125 1479 1201">The premiums or other cost-sharing charges and how they are applied, are described on page 12n of Attachment 2.6-A.</p>

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