# DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

# SUMMARY

Medicaid State Plan Amendment Approved MN 22-0029

This amendment adopted a disregard of the frontline worker payments made to certain people working during the COVID-19 public health emergency. These payments were excluded from income and assets in determining MA eligibility for elderly, blind and disabled people, medically needy individuals (spenddown), and people in Medicare Savings Program groups, known as QMB, SLMB and QI. The amendment was approved by CMS on December 6, 2023, and was effective retroactive to September 1, 2022.

# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

## Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

## Individuals in 209(b) States Who Are Age 65 or Older or Who Have Blindness or a Disability

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In 209(b) states, individuals who are 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability, who meet more restrictive criteria than used in SSI

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The state covers the mandatory eligibility group for individuals in 209(b) states who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability in accordance with the following provisions:

# **A. Characteristics**

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Be age 65 or older or have blindness or a disability;

2. Meet more restrictive requirements than SSI, as defined by the state in section B;

3. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.

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B. Financial Methodologies			

1. The more restrictive requirements used are described in the More Restrictive Requirements than SSI under 1902(f) RU.
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2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

• Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

- Between the following percentages of the FPL:
- Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the FPL:
- O Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate and:
- Between other income standards:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Between this standard:	The ABD categorically needy 1902(f) standard
and this standard:	100% FPL, using federal poverty levels in effect on July 1 of each 12 month period.
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Description of disregard: Disregard earned income of temporary census employees who were enrolled in Minnesota health care programs on March 1, 2000.

Name of income type:	Description:
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Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
In-kind Income	Disregard all in-kind income.
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Frontline Worker Payments	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of

#### Description:

Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

E Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:	
Family Disregard	For one child living with disabled o elderly individual disregard an additional \$3000 in assets; and disregard \$200 for each additional child. For each child living with a married couple, disregard \$200 pe child.	
Description of disregard:	Disregard the homestead of a person in a long-term care facility if the home is the residence of the person's (a) sibling living in the home for at least one year immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least 2 years immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long term care facility.	

#### A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775(DWF/FLN)
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health.
COVID-19 Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard any payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3, without regard to the manner or period of retention.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
	Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in the month of application by (i) paying incurred health services expenses for services otherwise covered by Medicaid and/or (ii) reducing excess assets in any manner not considered an uncompensated transfer subject to penalty as defined in state and federal Medicaid law.
Asset Reduction	Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in any retroactive month by (i) designating a \$1500 burial fund for oneself, a spouse and each eligible dependent child and/or (ii) paying for health services costs incurred during the retroactive period.
	Allow individuals who are permitted to designate assets for a \$1500 burial fund to make or change that designation within 3 months of the month of application.
Child Assets	Disregard all assets of children under age 21.
Transition Disregard	For a disabled individual ineligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) due to loss of earnings, and qualifying for Medicaid under another category, continue to disregard for 12 consecutive months the assets allowed and excluded under the employment incentive category of section 1902(a)(10)(A).
Disregard of Employment Incentive Assets Account (EIAA)	Disabled individuals eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) will, after 24 months of consecutive enrollment under such section, qualify to establish one or more Employment Incentives Asset Accounts (EIAA). Assets that may be designated as an EIAA include assets such as a savings account, investments, mutual funds, retirement and pension accounts, and medical expense accounts. An EIAA may contain the individual's retirement accounts and medical expense benefits through an employer. An EIAA may contain up to \$17,000 of the individual's other non-excluded liquid assets. An asset disregard will apply, under the following terms: 1) The individual shall identify to the state the account(s) that he or she designates as his or her Employment Incentives Assets Account(s) before disenrollment from the group.

#### Name of methodology:

#### Description:

2) The value of the assets in the EIAA are disregarded, including growth or appreciation, except that any amount by which the value of the other liquid assets exceeds \$17,000 in an EIAA is not disregarded.

 Once the assets are designated as an EIAA they are only disregarded when the individual is enrolled in another group for individuals age 65 and older to which the EIAA disregard is applied.
 If a person's Medicaid eligibility ends at any point before turning age 65, the EIAA will cease to exist.

Group to which disregard is applied: Individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(f), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (I), 1902(a)(10)(A) (ii)(V), 1902(a)(10(A)(ii)(VI), 1902(a) (10)(A)(ii) (X), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XI); medically needy individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(a) (10)(C).

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## C. Income Standard Used

The income standard for this group is:

 $\bigcirc$  1. A percentage of the federal poverty level:

2. A dollar amount

O 3. Another standard

#### Statewide standard

#### The statewide standard is:

Household size	Standard
1	\$482.00
2	\$602.00
3	\$731.00
4	\$854.00
5	\$957.00
6	\$1063.00
7	\$1168.00
8	\$1259.00
9	\$1347.00
10	\$1423.00

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

🖸 Yes 🔿 No

#### **Incremental Amount**

\$74.00

#### The dollar amounts increase automatically each year

🔾 Yes 💿 No

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## **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard for this group is:

Individual: \$3750.00

**Couple:** \$6450.00

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# E. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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# F. Additional Information (optional)

# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

# Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

## **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries**

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Individuals with income equal to or less than 100% of the FPL, who are entitled to Medicare Part A, and who qualify for Medicare cost-sharing.

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The state covers the mandatory qualified Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

#### **A. Characteristics**

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are entitled to hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII (Medicare Part A), including individuals who have purchased a premium to enroll in Part A.

2. Have income and resources at or below the standard for this group.

## **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries**

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## **B.** Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

#### 2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Disregard earned income of temporary census employees who were enrolled in Minnesota health care programs on March 1, 2020.

C A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
Widow or widower(s) disregard	Disregard all RSDI cost of living increases effective January 1, 1984 or later for individuals who meet requirements of section 1634(d).
Pickle disregard	Disregard RSDI cost of living adjustments under the Pickle amendment.
Disabled adult children disregard	Disregard RSDI benefits of disabled adult children who meet requirements of section 1634.
1619(a) and (b) disregard	Disregard income of individuals deemed to be an SSI recipient under 1619(a) or (b).
Community spouse and family allowance disregard	Disregard the community spouse monthly income allowance and family allowance as defined at section 1924(d)(2) and (3) to the extent it is made available to the community spouse and family.
COLA	Disregard the annual cost of living adjustments to RSDI (title II) benefits from January 1 through June 30th of each year.
In-kind income	Disregard all in-kind income.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Jensen settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).

Name of income type:	Description:
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
COVID-19 frontline worker pay	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

#### 3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

Yes

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The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
MSP General Disregard	Disregard the difference between three times the SSI asset limit for an individual, and \$10,000 in non- excluded assets; and the difference between three times the SSI asset limit for a couple, and \$18,000 in non-excluded assets

Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

#### **Description of disregard:** Disregard the homestead of a person

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a long-term care facility if the home is the residence of the person's (a) sibling living in the home for at least one year immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least 2 years immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long term care facility.

#### A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of

Name of resource type:	<b>Description:</b> Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund
COVID-19 Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Asset Reduction	Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in the month of application by (i) paying incurred health services expenses for services otherwise covered by Medicaid and/or (ii) reducing excess assets in any manner not considered an uncompensated transfer subject to penalty as defined in state and federal Medicaid law. Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in any retroactive month by (i) designating a \$1500 burial fund for oneself, a spouse and each eligible dependent child and/or (ii) paying for health services costs incurred during the retroactive month.
	Allow individuals who are permitted to designate assets for a \$1500 burial fund to make or change that designation within 3 months of the month of application.

## **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries**

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### **C. Income Standard Used**

The amount of the income standard for this group is 100% FPL.

#### **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

#### **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

Medical assistance is limited to payment of co-insurance and deductibles for Medicare Parts A, B and C and payment for the premiums for Medicare Parts A and B.

Medical assistance begins the first day of the month following the month in which the individual is determined to qualify for this eligibility group.

# Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

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# Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage

### Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

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Individuals with income above 100% and below 120% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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The state covers the mandatory specified low income Medicare beneficiaries group in accordance with the following provisions:

### **A. Characteristics**

#### Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.

2. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

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## **B.** Financial Methodologies

1. SSI methodologies are used in calculating household income. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

#### 2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

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The less restrictive income methodologies are:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Disregard earned income of temporary census employees who were enrolled in Minnesota health care programs on March 1, 2020.

C A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
Widow or widower(s) disregard	Disregard all RSDI cost of living increases effective January 1, 1984 or later for individuals who meet requirements of section 1634(d).
Pickle disregard	Disregard RSDI cost of living adjustments under the Pickle amendment.
Disabled adult children disregard	Disregard RSDI benefits of disabled adult children who meet requirements of section 1634.
1619(a) and (b) disregard	Disregard income of individuals deemed to be an SSI recipient under 1619(a) or (b).
Community spouse and family allowance disregard	Disregard the community spouse monthly income allowance and family allowance as defined at section 1924(d)(2) and (3) to the extent it is made available to the community spouse and family.
COLA	Disregard the annual cost of living adjustments to RSDI (title II) benefits from January 1 through June 30th of each year.
In-kind income	Disregard all in-kind income.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Jensen settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).

Name of income type:	Description:
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
COVID-19 frontline worker pay	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

#### 3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
MSP General Disregard	Disregard the difference between three times the SSI asset limit for an individual, and \$10,000 in non- excluded assets; and the difference between three times the SSI asset limit for a couple, and \$18,000 in non-excluded assets

Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

#### **Description of disregard:** Disregard the homestead of a person

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a long-term care facility if the home is the residence of the person's (a) sibling living in the home for at least one year immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least 2 years immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long term care facility.

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### C. Income Standard Used

Family income must be above 100% FPL and below 120% FPL.

### **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

## **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.

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### **Qualifying Individuals**

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Individuals with income at or above 120% and below 135% of the FPL who are entitled to Medicare Part A, who qualify for payment of Medicare Part B premiums.

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#### **A. Characteristics**

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Would qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (described in section 1905(p)(1) of the Act), except that their income exceeds the income level for that eligibility group.

2. Are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid under the state plan.

3. Have income below the income standard and resources at or below the resource standard for this group.

## **Qualifying Individuals**

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#### **Description of disregard:** Disregard the homestead of a person

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a long-term care facility if the home is the residence of the person's (a) sibling living in the home for at least one year immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least 2 years immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long term care facility.

#### A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of

Name of resource type:	<b>Description:</b> Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund
COVID-19 Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Asset Reduction	Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in the month of application by (i) paying incurred health services expenses for services otherwise covered by Medicaid and/or (ii) reducing excess assets in any manner not considered an uncompensated transfer subject to penalty as defined in state and federal Medicaid law. Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in any retroactive month by (i) designating a \$1500 burial fund for oneself, a spouse and each eligible dependent child and/or (ii) paying for health services costs incurred during the retroactive month.
	Allow individuals who are permitted to designate assets for a \$1500 burial fund to make or change that designation within 3 months of the month of application.

# **Qualifying Individuals**

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### **C. Income Standard Used**

Family income must be at or above 120% FPL and below 135% FPL.

### **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard is the same used to determine eligibility for the Medicare Part D full-benefit low-income subsidy (LIS) (but without regard to the life insurance policy exclusion applied in LIS resource eligibility determinations). This standard is three times the SSI resource standard, adjusted annually in accordance with the consumer price index.

### **E. Medical Assistance Provided**

Medical assistance is limited to payment for Medicare Part B premiums.

# **Qualifying Individuals**

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# F. Additional Information (optional)

# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

## **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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# A. Options for Coverage

#### The state provides Medicaid to specified optional groups of individuals.

🖸 Yes 🔿 No

The optional eligibility groups covered in the state plan are (elections made in this screen may not be comprehensive during the transition period from the paperbased state plan to MACPro):

#### **Families and Adults**

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🕑
Optional Coverage of Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	P			0	NEW
Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21	ø			0	CONVERTED
Children with Non-IV-E Adoption Assistance	P			0	CONVERTED
Independent Foster Care Adolescents	P			0	NEW
Optional Targeted Low Income Children	P			0	CONVERTED
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65	P			0	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer	P			0	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services	P			0	CONVERTED
Individuals with Tuberculosis	P			0	NEW
Individuals Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage	9			0	NEW

#### Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🕑
Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance	ø			•	APPROVED

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🛿
Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization	ø			•	APPROVED
Individuals Receiving Home and Community- Based Waiver Services under Institutional Rules	ø			•	APPROVED
Optional State Supplement Beneficiaries	ø			•	NEW
Individuals in Institutions Eligible under a Special Income Level	ø			•	NEW
PACE Participants	P			$\bigcirc$	NEW
Individuals Receiving Hospice	P			$\bigcirc$	NEW
Children under Age 19 with a Disability	P			•	NEW
Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level	P			•	NEW
Work Incentives	P				NEW
Ticket to Work Basic	P			0	NEW
Ticket to Work Medical Improvements	P			0	NEW
Family Opportunity Act Children with a Disability	ø			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services	ø			0	NEW
Individuals Receiving State Plan Home and Community-Based Services Who Are Otherwise Eligible for HCBS Waivers	ø			0	NEW

# **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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## **B. Medically Needy Options for Coverage**

The state provides Medicaid to specified groups of individuals who are medically needy.

🖸 Yes 🔿 No

The medically needy eligibility groups covered in the state plan are:

#### 1. Mandatory Medically Needy:

#### **Families and Adults**

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🕑
Medically Needy Pregnant Women	P			0	APPROVED
Medically Needy Children under Age 18	P	E		$\bigcirc$	NEW

#### Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🛿
Protected Medically Needy Individuals Who Were Eligible in 1973	ø			0	NEW

## 2. Optional Medically Needy:

**Families and Adults** 

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 🕑
Medically Needy Reasonable Classifications of Individuals under Age 21	P			0	APPROVED
Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives	P			0	APPROVED

#### Aged, Blind and Disabled

Eligibility Group Name		Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type 😧
Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability	ø			0	APPROVED

## **Optional Eligibility Groups**

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# C. Additional Information (optional)

Other Optional Categorically Eligible Child Groups (found in Supplement 1 to Attachment 2.2-A as reasonable classifications of children, based on application of additional income methods):

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1) Reasonable classification of children with a disability under 21 eligible for section 1915(c) home and community based services using institutional rules under 42 CFR section 435.217

2) Reasonable classification of children with a disability under 19, meeting criteria under section 1902(e)(3).

# **Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage**

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

• Age and Disability-Related Poverty Level

# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

# Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

### Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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Individuals who are eligible for but not receiving federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement.

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The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

## **A. Characteristics**

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements of at least one of the following cash assistance programs:

a. SSI

c. AFDC

2. Do not receive cash assistance under these programs.

# Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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## **B. Individuals Covered**

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.

Yes

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### Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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## **C. Financial Methodologies**

1. In calculating household income and resources for individuals who are seeking eligibility on the basis of being 65 years old or older or having blindness or disability, the following methodology is used:

🔾 a. SSI methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

b. More restrictive requirements than SSI. Please refer as necessary to More Restrictive Requirements than SSI under 1902(f), completed by the state.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

🔿 No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

<ul> <li>Between the following percentages of the FPL:</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the</li> </ul>

FPL: O Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate

and:

Between other income standards:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

	standard
and this standard:	100% FPL, using federal poverty levels in effect on July 1 of each 12 month period.
Description of disregard:	Disregard earned income of temporary
	census employees who were enrolled in

Between this standard: The ABD categorically needy 1902(f)

census employees who were enrolled in Minnesota health care programs on March 1, 2000.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
COLA	Disregard the Cost of Living Adjustments to RSDI (title II) benefits from January 1 through June 30th of each year.
In-kind Income	Disregard all in-kind income.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of

Name of income type:	<b>Description:</b> Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

4. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

E Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:	
Disregard for Children Living with Adults	For one child living with a disabled or elderly individual, exclude an additional \$3,000, and \$200 for each additional child. For each child living with a disabled or elderly couple, exclude an additional \$200.	
Description of disregard:	Disregard the homestead of a person residing in a long term care facility if the home is used as the residence of the person's (a) sibling who lived in the home for at least one year immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) an adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least two years immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long term care facility.	

C A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Funds.
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard as assets any payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard any payments to workers on the frontline during the COVID-
#### Name of resource type:

#### Description:

19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2, sections 1 through 3, without regard to the manner or period of retention.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Child Assets	Disregard all assets of children under age 21.
Asset Reduction	Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in the month of application by (i) paying incurred health service expenses for services otherwise covered by Medicaid and/or (ii) reducing excess assets in any manner not considered an uncompensated transfer subject to penalty as defined in state and federal Medicaid law. Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in any retroactive month by (i) designating a \$1500 burial fund for oneself, a spouse and each eligible dependent child
	and/or (ii) paying for health service costs incurred during the retroactive period.
	Allow individuals who are permitted to designate assets for a \$1500 burial fund to make or change that designation within three months of the month of application.
Transition Disregard	For a disabled individual ineligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) due to loss of earnings, and qualifying for Medicaid under another category, continue to disregard for 12 consecutive months the assets allowed and excluded under the employment incentive category of section 1902(a)(10)(A).
Disregard of Employment Incentive Assets Account (EIAA)	Disabled individuals eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) will, after 24 months of consecutive enrollment under such section, qualify to establish one or more Employment Incentives Asset Accounts (EIAA). Assets that may be designated as an EIAA include assets such as a savings account, investments, mutual funds, retirement and pension accounts, and medical expense accounts. An EIAA may contain the individual's retirement accounts and medical expense

#### Description:

benefits through an employer. An EIAA may contain up to \$17,000 of the individual's other non-excluded liquid assets.

An asset disregard will apply, under the following terms:

 The individual shall identify to the state the account(s) that he or she designates as his or her Employment Incentives Assets Account(s) before disenrollment from the group.

2) The value of the assets in the EIAA are disregarded, including growth or appreciation, except that any amount by which the value of the other liquid assets exceeds \$17,000 in an EIAA is not disregarded.

 Once the assets are designated as an EIAA they are only disregarded when the individual is enrolled in another group for individuals age 65 and older to which the EIAA disregard is applied.
 If a person's Medicaid eligibility ends at any point before turning age 65, the EIAA will cease to exist.

Group to which disregard is applied: Individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(f), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (I), 1902(a)(10)(A) (ii)(V), 1902(a)(10(A)(ii)(VI), 1902(a) (10)(A)(ii) (X), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XI); medically needy individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(a) (10)(C).

### Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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### **D. Income Standard Used**

The income standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

#### E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

# Individuals Eligible for but Not Receiving Cash Assistance

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# F. Additional Information (optional)

# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

# Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

## Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization

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Individuals who would be eligible for federal cash assistance or an optional state supplement, except for institutionalization.

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The state covers the optional Individuals Eligible for Cash Except for Institutionalization eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

### **A. Characteristics**

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are in a medical institution.

2. Would meet the eligibility requirements for at least one of the following cash assistance programs, but for the lower income standards used to determine eligibility for institutionalized individuals:

🗌 a. SSI

🔄 b. Optional State Supplement

🗌 c. AFDC

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### **B. Individuals Covered**

1. The state covers all individuals who meet the characteristics described in section A.

• Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

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### **C. Financial Methodologies**

1. In calculating household income and resources for individuals who are seeking eligibility on the basis of being age 65 or older or having blindness or disability, SSI methodologies are used. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

🔾 a. SSI methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

b. More restrictive requirements than SSI. Please refer as necessary to More Restrictive Requirements than SSI under 1902(f), completed by the state.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

<ul> <li>Between the following percentages of the FPL:</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the FPL:</li> </ul>	

- O Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate and:
- Between other income standards:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

	standard
and this standard:	100% FPL, using federal poverty levels in effect on July 1 of each 12 month period.
Description of disregard:	Disregard earned income of temporary census employees who were enrolled in

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Minnesota health care programs on

Between this standard: The ABD categorically needy 1902(f)

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
COLA	Disregard the Cost of Living Adjustments to RSDI (title II) benefits from January 1 through June 30th of each year.
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NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.

Name of income type:	Description:
Frontline Worker Payments	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

4. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

E Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Disregard for Children Living with Adults	For one child living with a disabled or elderly individual, exclude an additional \$3,000, and \$200 for each additional child. For each child living with a disabled or elderly couple, exclude an additional \$200.
Description of disregard:	Disregard the homestead of a person residing in a long term care facility if the home is used as the residence of the person's (a) sibling who lived in the home for at least one year immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) an adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least two years immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long term care facility.

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State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Funds.
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Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard any payments to workers on the frontline during the COVID- 19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020,

#### Name of resource type:

#### Description:

authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2, sections 1 through 3, without regard to the manner or period of retention.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Child Assets	Disregard all assets of children under age 21.
Asset Reduction	Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in the month of application by (i) paying incurred health service expenses for services otherwise covered by Medicaid and/or (ii) reducing excess assets in any manner not considered an uncompensated transfer subject to penalty as defined in state and federal Medicaid law. Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in any retroactive month by (i) designating a \$1500 burial fund for oneself, a spouse and each eligible dependent child and/or (ii) paying for health service costs incurred during the retroactive period. Allow individuals who are permitted to designate assets for a \$1500 burial fund to make or change that designation within three months of the month of application.
Transition Disregard	For a disabled individual ineligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) due to loss of earnings, and qualifying for Medicaid under another category, continue to disregard for 12 consecutive months the assets allowed and excluded under the employment incentive category of section 1902(a)(10)(A).
Disregard of Employment Incentive Assets Account (EIAA)	Disabled individuals eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) will, after 24 months of consecutive enrollment under such section, qualify to establish one or more Employment Incentives Asset Accounts (EIAA). Assets that may be designated as an EIAA include assets such as a savings account, investments, mutual funds, retirement and pension accounts, and medical expense accounts. An EIAA may contain the individual's retirement accounts and medical expense benefits through an employer. An EIAA may contain up to \$17,000 of

#### Description:

the individual's other non-excluded liquid assets.

An asset disregard will apply, under the following terms:

1) The individual shall identify to the state the account(s) that he or she designates as his or her Employment Incentives Assets Account(s) before disenrollment from the group.

2) The value of the assets in the EIAA are disregarded, including growth or appreciation, except that any amount by which the value of the other liquid assets exceeds \$17,000 in an EIAA is not disregarded.

 Once the assets are designated as an EIAA they are only disregarded when the individual is enrolled in another group for individuals age 65 and older to which the EIAA disregard is applied.
 If a person's Medicaid eligibility ends at any point before turning age 65, the EIAA will cease to exist.

Group to which disregard is applied: Individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(f), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (I), 1902(a)(10)(A) (ii)(V), 1902(a)(10(A)(ii)(VI), 1902(a) (10)(A)(ii) (X), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XI); medically needy individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(a) (10)(C).

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#### **D. Income Standard Used**

The income standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

### E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used is the standard of the most closely related cash assistance program.

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# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

# Eligibility Groups - Options for Coverage

#### Age and Disability- Related Poverty Level

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Individuals who are age 65 or older or who have a disability, with income no higher than 100% FPL.

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#### **Group No Longer Covered**

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Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

#### **Medically Needy Pregnant Women**

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Woman who are pregnant or post-partum who would qualify under the state's Pregnant Women eligibility group, except for income.

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The state covers the Medically Needy Pregnant Women eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

## **A. Characteristics**

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Are pregnant or post-partum, as defined in 42 CFR 435.4.

2. Would qualify under the Pregnant Women eligibility group, except for income.

3. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.

4. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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<b>B. Financial Methodol</b>	ogies		

1. The financial methodology used is:

a. AFDC methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

O b. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

⊖ No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

- Between the following percentages of the FPL:
   Between the medically needy
- income limit and a percentage of the FPL:
- Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate and:
- Between other income standards:

Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Description of disregard: Disregard earned income of temporary census employees who were enrolled in Minnesota Health care programs on March 1, 2000.

Between this standard: The AFDC-related medically needy

and this standard: 133% FPL, effective April 1, 2014.

2000, by family size.

income standards in effect on July 1,

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
Earned income disregard	Disregard 17 percent of earned income for four months for applicants or recipients.
Disregard for children	Disregard up to \$2000 annually in cash gifts received from tax- exempt organizations for the benefit of a child with a life- threatening illness.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of

Name of income type:	Description:
	Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

• Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

All resources are disregarded. No resource test is applied.

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### C. Income Standard Used

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

#### **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

#### E. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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F. Additional Information (optional)

# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

#### Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives

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Parents and other caretaker relatives of dependent children who do not qualify as categorically needy.

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The state covers the optional Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

#### **A. Characteristics**

#### Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1. Meet the definition of parent or caretaker relative, as described in the mandatory Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives eligibility group.

2. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.

3. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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## **B.** Financial Methodologies

#### 1. The financial methodology used is:

a. AFDC methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

🔘 b. MAGI-like methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

#### 2. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

- O Between the following percentages of the FPL:
- O Between the medically needy income limit and a percentage of the FPL:
- O Between the SSI Federal Benefit Rate and:
- Between other income standards:
- Census Bureau wages are disregarded.

Between this standard:	The AFDC-related medically needy
	income standards in effect on July 1, 2000, by family size.
and this standard:	133% FPL, effective April 1, 2014.

Description of disregard: Disregard earned income of temporary census employees who were enrolled in Minnesota Health care programs on March 1, 2000.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
Earned income disregard	Disregard 17 percent of earned income for four months for applicants or recipients.
Disregard for children	Disregard up to \$2000 annually in cash gifts received from tax- exempt organizations for the benefit of a child with a life- threatening illness.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.

Name of income type:	Description:
Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

#### 3. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

• Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Non-excluded assets amount	Disregard up to \$9000 for one person, and up to \$19000 for two or more in the household.

Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

#### Description of disregard: Disregard the homestead of a person

residing in a long-term care facility if the home is used as the residence of the person's (a) sibling who live in the home for at least one year immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long-term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) an adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least two years immediately before the date of the client's admission to the long-term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long-term care facility.

The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to resources set aside for burial.

Specified methodology for the treatment of resources set aside for burial:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Burial-related Exclusions	Disregard burial funds, burial spaces, and burial space items excluded by SSI under 20 CFR 426.1231, as follows: Exclude a burial fund for each parent or caretaker and the person's spouse and the parent or caretaker's eligible dependent children up to \$1500 including equity value in a burial Agreement. A burial fund may be established with one or more of the following burial insurance face or cash value of life insurance liquid assets a life insurance or annuity funded burial agreement, or up to \$2000 under an irrevocable Minnesota statutory prepaid burial trust agreement and POMS SI CHI 01130.421. Exclude purchased burial space and burial space items allowed by SSI for the enrollee the enrollee's spouse and the following individuals related to the enrollee or spouse for whom the SSI

	Name of methodology:	Description:
		program permits these exclusions: minor children, adult children, stepchildren, siblings, stepsiblings and spouses of any of the above.
The state uses a loss restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of m	ator vehicles	
The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of m		
	Specified conditions:	
	Description:	Disregard the value of one vehicle for each person that uses a vehicle for employment or for seeking employment.
The state uses a less restrictive methodology with respect to the treatment of re	sources set aside in specified types of a	ccounts.
Resources set aside for retirement		
	Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA	)
		Disregard assets in an IRA, Keogh plan and other individually owned pension and retirement funds.
	Tax exempt accounts - 401(k) and/o	r 403(b)
		Disregard assets in a 401(k) or 403(b) blan.
Specified types of accounts:		
	Name of account:	Description:
	UCMA	Disregard all assets established under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act and the child owned portion of an account held jointly by an adult
		and child.
Household goods and services are disregarded as a resource.		Disregard the value of household goods and personal effects.
A specified type of resource is disregarded:		
	Name of resource type:	Description:
	Child Assets	Disregard all assets of children under age 21.
	Settlements	Disregard court-ordered settlements up to \$10,000.
	State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Funds.
	Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
	NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.

Name of resource type:	Description:
Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard any payments to workers on the frontline during the COVID- 19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2, sections 1 through 3, without regard to the manner or period of retention.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Asset Reduction	Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in the month of application by (i) paying incurred health service expenses for services otherwise covered by Medicaid and/or (ii) reducing excess assets in any manner not considered an uncompensated transfer subject to penalty as defined in state and federal Medicaid law. Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in any retroactive month by (i) designating a \$1500 burial fund for oneself, a spouse and each eligible dependent child and/or (ii) paying for health service costs incurred during the retroactive period. Allow individuals who are permitted to designate assets for a \$1500 burial fund to make or change that designation within three months of the month of application.
Transition Disregard	For a disabled individual ineligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) due to loss of earnings, and qualifying for Medicaid under another category, continue to disregard for 12 consecutive months the assets allowed and excluded under the employment incentive category of section 1902(a)(10)(A).
Disregard of Employment Incentive Assets Account (EIAA)	Disabled individuals eligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) will, after 24 months of consecutive enrollment under such section, qualify to establish one or more Employment Incentives Asset Accounts (EIAA). Assets that may be designated as an EIAA include assets such as a savings account, investments, mutual funds, retirement and pension accounts, and medical expense accounts. An EIAA may

#### Description:

contain the individual's retirement accounts and medical expense benefits through an employer. An EIAA may contain up to \$17,000 of the individual's other non-excluded liquid assets.

An asset disregard will apply, under the following terms:

 The individual shall identify to the state the account(s) that he or she designates as his or her Employment Incentives Assets Account(s) before disenrollment from the group.

2) The value of the assets in the EIAA are disregarded, including growth or appreciation, except that any amount by which the value of the other liquid assets exceeds \$17,000 in an EIAA is not disregarded.

 Once the assets are designated as an EIAA they are only disregarded when the individual is enrolled in another group for individuals age 65 and older to which the EIAA disregard is applied.
 If a person's Medicaid eligibility ends at any point before turning age 65, the EIAA will cease to exist.

Group to which disregard is applied: Individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(f), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (I), 1902(a)(10)(A) (ii)(V), 1902(a)(10(A)(ii)(VI), 1902(a) (10)(A)(ii) (X), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (XI); medically needy individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(a) (10)(C).

### Medically Needy Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives

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### C. Income Standard Used

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

#### **D. Resource Standard Used**

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

#### E. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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### Eligibility Groups - Medically Needy

#### Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability

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Individuals who are age 65 or older or who have blindness or a disability who do not qualify as categorically needy.

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The state covers the optional Medically Needy Populations Based on Age, Blindness or Disability eligibility group in accordance with the following provisions:

#### **A. Characteristics**

Individuals qualifying under this eligibility group must meet the following criteria:

1.Meet at least one of the following:

a. Are age 65 or older;

- b. Have blindness; or
- c. Have a disability.

2. Are not otherwise eligible for categorically needy coverage under the state plan.

3. Have income at or below the medically needy income level and resources at or below the medically needy resource level.

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### **B. Individuals Covered**

The state covers the following populations:

1. Individuals age 65 or older

2. Individuals with blindness

3. Individuals who have a disability

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### **C. Financial Methodologies**

1. The state uses the same financial methodology for all individuals covered.

Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

2. The financial methodology used is:

 $\bigcirc$  a. SSI methodologies. Please refer as necessary to Non-MAGI Methodologies, completed by the state.

b.More restrictive requirements than SSI. Please refer as necessary to More Restrictive Requirements than SSI under 1902(f), completed by the state.

c. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable income.

🖸 Yes No

The less restrictive income methodologies are:

The difference between one income standard and another is disregarded.

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g per age the	ne owin cent s of FPL: wee	tween this standard: and this standard:	The medically needy income standard by family size
me y na incc limi anc per age	dicall eedy ome t a cent		70% FPL, effective July 1, 2001 75% FPL, effective July 1, 2002 80% FPL, effective
n th SSI Fed Ber Rat and Bet n of inco	eral lefit e l:		July 1, 2016 81% FPL, effective June 1, 2019 100% FPL, effective July 1, 2022
Census Bureau wages are disregarded.	Des	cription of disregard:	Disregard earned income of temporary census employees who were enrolled in Minnesota health care programs on March 1, 2000.

A specified type of income is disregarded:

Name of income type:	Description:
COLA	Disregard the Cost of Living Adjustments to RSDI (title II) benefits from January 1 through June 30th of each year.
In-kind Income	Disregard all in-kind income.
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
Frontline Worker Payments	Disregard payments made to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2 sections 1 through 3.

d. Less restrictive methodologies are used in calculating countable resources.

• Yes 🔿 No

The less restrictive resource methodologies are:

General resource disregard:

Name of disregard:	Description:
Disregard for Children Living with Adults	For one child living with a disabled or elderly individual, exclude an additional \$3,000, and \$200 for each additional child. For each child living with a disabled or elderly

Name of disregard:

Real property not otherwise excluded is disregarded.

couple, exclude an additional \$200.

Description:

Description of disregard: Disregard the homestead of a person residing in a long term care facility if the home is used as the residence of the person's (a) sibling who lived in the home for at least one year immediatel y before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who has an equity interest in the home; or (b) an adult child or grandchild who lived in the home for at least two years immediatel y before the date of the client's admission to the long term care facility and who provided verifiable care to the client to permit the client to live at home instead of the long term care facility

A specified type of resource is disregarded:

Name of resource type:	Description:
State Catastrophe Funds	Disregard payments from the Minnesota I-35 Catastrophe Relief Fund.

Name of resource type:	Description:
Jensen Settlement	Disregard payments to class members under the federal court order in Jensen et al v. Minnesota Department of Human Services, CN 09-1775 (DWF/FLN).
NIH Study	Disregard as assets any payments made to parents participating in the "income and child development in the first three years of life" demonstration project funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institutes of Health.
Frontline Worker Pay	Disregard any payments to workers on the frontline during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in 2020, authorized under 2022 Laws of Minnesota, chapter 50, article 2, sections 1 through 3, without regard to the manner or period of retention.

A beneficiary of a "qualified state long-term care insurance partnership" policy (partnership policy), as defined in section 1917(b)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR 144.200 et seq., is provided a resource disregard, equal to the amount of the insurance benefit payments made to or on behalf of the individual from the partnership policy.

The following less restrictive methodologies are used:

Name of methodology:	Description:
Disregard of Employment Incentive Assets Account (EIAA)	Disabled individuals eligible under section 1902(a)(10) (A)(ii)(XIII) will, after 24 months of consecutive enrollment under such section, qualify to establish one or more Employment Incentives Asset Accounts (EIAA). Assets that may be designated as an EIAA include assets such as a savings account, investments, mutual funds, retirement and pension

#### Description:

accounts, and medical expense accounts. An EIAA may contain the individual's retirement accounts and medical expense benefits through an employer. An EIAA may contain up to \$17,000 of the individual's other non- excluded liquid assets. An asset disregard will apply, under the following terms: 1) The individual shall identify to the state the account(s) that he or she designates as his or her Employment Incentives Assets Account(s) before disenrollment from the group. 2) The value of the assets in the EIAA are disregarded, including growth or appreciation, except that any amount by which the value of the other liquid assets exceeds \$17,000 in an EIAA is not disregarded. 3) Once the assets are designated as an EIAA they are only disregarded when the individual is enrolled in another group for individuals age 65 and older to which the EIAA disregard is applied. 4) If a person's Medicaid eligibility ends at any point before turning age 65, the EIAA will cease to exist. Group to which disregard is applied: Individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(f), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (l), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(V), 1902(a)(10(A)(ii) (VI), 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (X), 1902(a)(10) (A)(ii) (XI); medically needy individuals age 65 and older eligible under §1902(a)(10) (C). For married individuals eligible as

medically needy for

Disregard Assets of a Spouse

Asset Reduction

#### Description: home and community-based services in the Brain Injury (BI), Community Alternative Care (CAC), Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI), or Developmental Disability (DD) waivers, disregard all assets of the spouse during any period in which the financial methodologies of Section 2404 of the Affordable Care Act mandatorily apply. Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in the month of application by (i) paying incurred health service expenses for services otherwise covered by Medicaid and/or (ii) reducing excess assets in any manner not considered an uncompensated transfer subject to penalty as defined in state and federal Medicaid law. Allow reduction of excess assets to achieve eligibility in any retroactive month by (i) designating a \$1500 burial fund for oneself, a spouse and each eligible dependent child and/or (ii) paying for health service costs incurred during the retroactive period.

Allow individuals who are permitted to designate assets for a \$1500 burial fund to make or change that designation within three months of the month of application. Disregard all assets Child Assets of children under age 21. Transition Disregard For a disabled individual ineligible under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) due to loss of

#### Description:

earnings, and qualifying for Medicaid under another category, continue to disregard for 12 consecutive months the assets allowed and excluded under the employment incentive category of section 1902(a)(10) (A).

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### **D. Income Standard Used**

The income standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Income Level RU.

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### E. Resource Standard Used

The resource standard used for this group is described in the Medically Needy Resource Level RU.

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# F. Spenddown

The state allows individuals to deduct incurred medical and remedial expenses (spend down) to become eligible under this group. Spenddown is defined in the Handling of Excess Income (Spenddown) RU.

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# G. Additional Information (optional)