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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH - REGION VI**

July 6, 2017

**Our Reference: NM SPA 17-0005**

Ms. Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director  
Medical Assistance Division  
New Mexico Department of Human Services  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Dear Ms. Smith-Leslie,

We have reviewed the State's proposed amendment to your Medicaid State Plan submitted under Transmittal Number (TN) 17-0005, dated May 19, 2017. This plan amendment eliminates Medicaid eligibility to individuals formerly in other states' foster care systems who have turned age 18 or aged out of the foster care system. This is a Medicaid Modernized Data Lab (MMDL) related SPA.

Based on the information submitted, we have approved the amendment for incorporation into the official New Mexico State Plan with an effective date of April 1, 2017, as requested. A copy of the CMS - 179 and the approved plan pages are included with this letter.

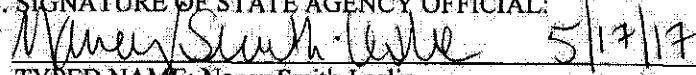

If you have any questions please contact Ford Blunt of my staff. Mr. Blunt may be reached at (214) 767-6381 or by E-mail at [Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Ford.Blunt@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator

Cc: Jennifer Mondragon

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| <b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>  |  | 17-005  | 2. STATE<br>New Mexico |
| <b>R: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION</b>  |  | 3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)  |                        |
| TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR<br>HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION<br>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES   |  | 4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE<br>April 1, 2017   |                        |
| 5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):<br><input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT<br>COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment) |  |   |                        |
| 6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:<br>42 CFR 435.150   |  | 7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:<br>for FFY 2017: \$0 (no impact)<br>for FFY 2018: \$0 (no impact)                                 |                        |
| 8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:<br>S33 page 1   |  | 9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):<br>S33 page 1                                  |                        |
| 10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:<br>Eliminating Medicaid eligibility to individuals formerly in other states' foster care systems who have turned age 18 or age out of the foster care system.   |  |   |                        |
| 11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):<br><input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT<br><input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED<br><input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL   |  | X OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Authority Delegated to the Medicaid Director.  |                        |
| 12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:<br> 5/17/17  |  | 16. RETURN TO:<br>Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director<br>Medical Assistance Division<br>P.O. Box 2348<br>Santa Fe, NM 87504 - 2348 |                        |
| 13. TYPED NAME: Nancy Smith-Leslie  |  |   |                        |
| 14. TITLE: Director, Medical Assistance Division  |  |   |                        |
| 15. DATE SUBMITTED: May 19, 2017  |  |   |                        |
| <b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>   |  |   |                        |
| 17. DATE RECEIVED: May 19, 2017   |  | 18. DATE APPROVED: July 6, 2017   |                        |
| <b>PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED</b>  |  |   |                        |
| 19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:<br>April 1, 2017   |  | 20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:<br> |                        |
| 21. TYPED NAME: Bill Brooks   |  | 22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator<br>Division of Medicaid and Children's Health                                   |                        |
| 23. REMARKS:  |  |   |                        |



# Medicaid Eligibility

State Name:

OMB Control Number: 0938-1148

Transmittal Number: NM - 17 - 0005

## Eligibility Groups - Mandatory Coverage Former Foster Care Children

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42 CFR 435.150  
1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)

**Former Foster Care Children** - Individuals under the age of 26, not otherwise mandatorily eligible, who were on Medicaid and in foster care when they turned age 18 or aged out of foster care.

The state attests that it operates this eligibility group under the following provisions:

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

Are under age 26.

Are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled for mandatory coverage under the state plan, except that eligibility under this group takes precedence over eligibility under the Adult Group.

Were in foster care under the responsibility of the state or Tribe and were enrolled in Medicaid under the state's state plan or 1115 demonstration when they turned 18 or at the time of aging out of that state's or Tribe's foster care program.

The state elects to cover children who were in foster care and on Medicaid in any state at the time they turned 18 or aged out of the foster care system.

Yes  No

The state covers individuals under this group when determined presumptively eligible by a qualified entity. The state assures it also covers individuals under the Pregnant Women (42 CFR 435.116) and/or Infants and Children under Age 19 (42 CFR 435.118) eligibility groups when determined presumptively eligible.

Yes  No

The presumptive period begins on the date the determination is made.

The end date of the presumptive period is the earlier of:

The date the eligibility determination for regular Medicaid is made, if an application for Medicaid is filed by the last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made; or

The last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made, if no application for Medicaid is filed by that date.

Periods of presumptive eligibility are limited as follows:

No more than one period within a calendar year.

No more than one period within two calendar years.

No more than one period within a twelve-month period, starting with the effective date of the initial presumptive eligibility period.

Other reasonable limitation:

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|   | Name of limitation | Description |   |
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The state requires that a written application be signed by the applicant or representative.

Yes  No

The state uses a single application form for Medicaid and presumptive eligibility, approved by CMS.

The state uses a separate application form for presumptive eligibility, approved by CMS. A copy of the application form is included.

**An attachment is submitted.**

The presumptive eligibility determination is based on the following factors:

- The individual must meet the categorical requirements of 42 CFR 435.150
- State residency
- Citizenship, status as a national, or satisfactory immigration status

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The state uses qualified entities, as defined in section 1920A of the Act, to determine eligibility presumptively for this eligibility group.

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A qualified entity is an entity that is determined by the agency to be capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations based on an individual's household income and other requirements, and that meets at least one of the following requirements. Select one or more of the following types of entities used to determine presumptive eligibility for this eligibility group:

- Furnishes health care items or services covered under the state's approved Medicaid state plan and is eligible to receive payments under the plan
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility to participate in a Head Start program under the Head Start Act
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility to receive child care services for which financial assistance is provided under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility to receive assistance under the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
- Is authorized to determine a child's eligibility under the Medicaid state plan or for child health assistance under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Is an elementary or secondary school, as defined in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801)
- Is an elementary or secondary school operated or supported by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Is a state or Tribal child support enforcement agency under title IV-D of the Act
- Is an organization that provides emergency food and shelter under a grant under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act



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Is a state or Tribal office or entity involved in enrollment in the program under Medicaid, CHIP, or title IV-A of the Act

Is an organization that determines eligibility for any assistance or benefits provided under any program of public or assisted housing that receives Federal funds, including the program under section 8 or any other section of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) or under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)

Is a health facility operated by the Indian Health Service, a Tribe, or Tribal organization, or an Urban Indian Organization

Other entity the agency determines is capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations:

|   | Name of entity | Description |   |
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| + |                |             | X |

The state assures that it has communicated the requirements for qualified entities, at 1920A(b)(3) of the Act, and has provided adequate training to the entities and organizations involved. A copy of the training materials has been included.

**An attachment is submitted.**

### PRA Disclosure Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-1148. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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