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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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December 9, 2013

Dr. Jerry Dubberly, Chief  
Medical Assistance Plans  
Georgia Department of Community Health  
2 Peachtree Street, NW, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment (SPA), GA 13-0022-MM3

Dear Dr. Dubberly:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Georgia's state plan amendment (SPA) 13-0022-MM3, which was submitted to CMS on November 15, 2013. SPA 13-0022-MM3 incorporates the MAGI-Based Income Methodologies into Georgia's state plan in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. This SPA was approved on December 6, 2013. The effective date of the SPA is January 1, 2014.

Enclosed is a copy of the new state plan pages to be incorporated within a separate section at the back of Georgia's approved state plan:

S10, Pages S10-1 and S10-2

In addition, enclosed is a summary of state plan pages which are superseded by SPA 13-0022-MM3, which should also be incorporated into a separate section in the front of the state plan:

Superseding Pages of State Plan Material, 13-0022-MM3

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Georgia Medicaid state plan, the financial eligibility methodologies described in SPA GA-13-0022-MM3 will apply to all MAGI-based eligibility groups covered under Georgia's Medicaid state plan. The MAGI financial methodologies set forth in 42 CFR §435.603 apply to everyone except those individuals described at 42 CFR §435.603(j) for whom MAGI-based methods do not apply. This SPA supersedes the current financial eligibility provisions of the Medicaid state plan only with respect to the MAGI-based eligibility groups.

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Dr. Jerry Dubberly

Congratulations to you and your staff for your hard work and strong collaboration. If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Tandra Hodges at (404) 562-7409 or [Tandra.Hodges@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Tandra.Hodges@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Glaze". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jackie Glaze  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility: Summary Page (CMS 179)

- State/Territory name:

Georgia

- **Transmittal Number:**

*Please enter the Transmittal Number (TN) in the format ST-YY-0000 where ST= the state abbreviation, YY = the last two digits of the submission year, and 0000 = a four digit number with leading zeros. The dashes must also be entered.*

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- **Proposed Effective Date**

01/01/2014 (mm/dd/yyyy)

- **Federal Statute/Regulation Citation**

- **Federal Budget Impact**

	<b>Federal Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>First Year</b>	2014	\$ 0.00
<b>Second Year</b>	2015	\$ 0.00

- **Subject of Amendment**

Character Count: out of 2000

MAGI Income Methodology

- **Governor's Office Review**

- Governor's office reported no comment
- Comments of Governor's office received

Describe:

- No reply received within 45 days of submittal
- Other, as specified

Describe:

Character Count:  out of 2000

Governor's review is not requir

- **Signature of State Agency Official**

- Submitted By:

Therese Brisco

- Last Revision Date:

Nov 26, 2013

- Submit Date:

Nov 15, 2013

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# Medicaid Eligibility

OMB Control Number 0938-1148  
OMB Expiration date: 10/31/2014

## MAGI-Based Income Methodologies

S10

1902(e)(14)  
42 CFR 435.603

- The state will apply Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)-based methodologies as described below, and consistent with 42 CFR 435.603.

In the case of determining ongoing eligibility for beneficiaries determined eligible for Medicaid on or before December 31, 2013, MAGI-based income methodologies will not be applied until March 31, 2014, or the next regularly-scheduled renewal of eligibility, whichever is later, if application of such methods results in a determination of ineligibility prior to such date.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of a pregnant woman, she is counted as herself plus each of the children she is expected to deliver.

In determining family size for the eligibility determination of the other individuals in a household that includes a pregnant woman:

- The pregnant woman is counted just as herself.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus one.
- The pregnant woman is counted as herself, plus the number of children she is expected to deliver.

Financial eligibility is determined consistent with the following provisions:

When determining eligibility for new applicants, financial eligibility is based on current monthly income and family size.

When determining eligibility for current beneficiaries, financial eligibility is based on:

- Current monthly household income and family size
- Projected annual household income and family size for the remaining months of the current calendar year

In determining current monthly or projected annual household income, the state will use reasonable methods to:

- Include a prorated portion of a reasonably predictable increase in future income and/or family size.
- Account for a reasonably predictable decrease in future income and/or family size.

Except as provided at 42 CFR 435.603(d)(2) through (d)(4), household income is the sum of the MAGI-based income of every individual included in the individual's household.

In determining eligibility for Medicaid, an amount equivalent to 5 percentage points of the FPL for the applicable family size will be deducted from household income in accordance with 42 CFR 435.603(d).

Household income includes actually available cash support, exceeding nominal amounts, provided by the person claiming an individual described at §435.603(f)(2)(i) as a tax dependent.

Yes  No



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The age used for children with respect to 42 CFR 435.603(f)(3)(iv) is:

Age 19

Age 19, or in the case of full-time students, age 21

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