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**Center for Medicaid and State Operations**

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September 16, 2005

Dear State Medicaid Directors and State Children's Health Insurance Program Directors:

As we work to recover from one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the United States, our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to those suffering and those who are assisting in rescue efforts. With the massive displacement of thousands of residents in the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida to other States, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) thanks you for your tireless work on behalf of all people affected, and we are working to ensure that you can provide Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) health care services for evacuees.

In an effort to ensure the continuity of health care services for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, CMS has developed a new section 1115 demonstration initiative. Under this program, States may apply to be part of a unique cooperative demonstration that allows coverage of evacuees from the affected geographic areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida<sup>1</sup> in which a Natural Disaster has been declared.

Under this demonstration, effective retroactively to August 24, 2005, evacuees who have been displaced from his or her home as a result of Hurricane Katrina will be provided the opportunity to enroll to receive services under the Medicaid or SCHIP programs in whatever State they now reside. States may provide a period of temporary eligibility for up to 5 months. Evacuees will apply through a simplified application within the Host State through January 31, 2006. Applicants may provide self-declaration of information needed for an eligibility determination if the individual is unable to produce necessary verification. There is no obligation on the Host State to redetermine eligibility for evacuees at the end of this period. The evacuee must apply, and States are encouraged to assist individuals in applying for assistance in the State in which they are currently residing. This demonstration allows for self-attestation for items such as displacement, income, residency, resources, and immigration status if the evacuee is unable to provide documentation.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Section 408: Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households. As of September 15, 2005, no Florida counties have Individual Assistance Designation pursuant Section 408. Other affected National Disaster States/areas could be added at a later date.

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This demonstration initiative permits Host States to offer Medicaid and SCHIP benefits to parents, pregnant women, children under age 19, individuals with disabilities, low income Medicare recipients, and low income individuals in need of long term care within certain income parameters using a simplified eligibility chart or the eligibility levels from the affected States. As an evacuee, an individual is required to attest that he/she is displaced from certain geographic regions and to cooperate in demonstrating evacuee status. This initiative will not impact any other demonstration the State may have under title XIX or title XXI. Benefits for evacuees will be those of the State Plan for the Host State's title XIX and title XXI programs.

States will not be required to meet budget neutrality tests under these unique demonstration programs. The Department agrees that individuals participating in the demonstration are presumed to be otherwise eligible for Medicaid in their respective Home State and costs to the Federal Government would have otherwise been incurred and allowable. Therefore, States participating in the demonstration program will not be required to provide or demonstrate budget neutrality through "without waiver" and "with waiver" expenditure data. Additionally, States have the option to exempt evacuees from cost sharing.

Attached is a template that States may use to request a section 1115 demonstration program to provide coverage to individuals who have been displaced due to Hurricane Katrina. In completing the template, States should provide contact information in order that CMS can contact key State officials to discuss demonstration proposals. The electronic version of the template will be available on the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>.

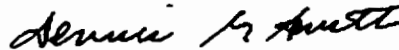
Any questions related to this initiative or the template should be addressed to Ms. Jean Sheil, Director of the Family and Children's Health Programs Group at (410) 786-5647. Applications should be addressed to:

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We appreciate the recovery efforts made by all the States in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Toward that end, CMS will work expeditiously with States to ensure that America's most vulnerable populations continue to receive the care they need.

Sincerely,



**Dennis G. Smith**  
Director

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**Multi-State Section 1115 Demonstration Application Template  
Medicaid and SCHIP Coverage for Evacuees of Hurricane Katrina**

The State of \_\_\_\_\_, Department of \_\_\_\_\_ proposes emergency relief as an affected State, through the use of section 1115 demonstration authority, as outlined in the Social Security Act (the Act), which sets forth a multi-State demonstration project including all signatory States (described below as Home States and Host States).

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**I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM**

Effective retroactively to August 24, 2005, States will be allowed to provide Medicaid and SCHIP coverage to a new demonstration population of evacuees consisting of parents, pregnant women, children under age 19, individuals with disabilities, low income Medicare recipients, and low income individuals in need of long term care with incomes up to and including the levels listed on the attached simplified eligibility chart. Host States may also provide Medicaid and SCHIP coverage to evacuees using eligibility determinations based on eligibility levels in the Home State of an evacuee.

State information is provided in order that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) can contact States on an individual basis to discuss demonstration proposals.

State Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Medicaid Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Key Contacts: \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. DEFINITIONS AND CONDITIONS**

**Emergency Area:** Refers to a geographic area or region in which a National Disaster has been declared. In the case of Hurricane Katrina this refers to the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. The affected counties/parishes below have been declared by FEMA as designated counties requiring Individual Assistance as a result of Hurricane Katrina. Evacuees from these counties are eligible under this waiver consistent with the Individual Assistance Program designation pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Section 408: Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> As of September 15, 2005, no Florida counties have Individual Assistance Designation pursuant to Section 408. Other affected National Disaster States/areas could be added at a later date.

**Louisiana:**

Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana parishes.

**Mississippi:**

Adams, Amite, Attala, Claiborne, Choctaw, Clarke, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Wilkinson, Winston, and Yazoo Counties.

**Alabama:**

Baldwin, Mobile, Pickens, Greene, Hale, Tuscaloosa, Washington, Choctaw, Clarke, and Sumter Counties.

**Florida:**

As of September 15, 2005, no Florida counties have Individual Assistance Designation pursuant to Section 408.

Other affected National Disaster States/areas could be added at a later date by CMS.

**Evacuee:** Refers to an individual who is a resident of the emergency area affected by a National Disaster as declared by the President of the United States pursuant to the National Emergencies Act or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and has been displaced from his or her home by the emergency (see emergency area), and is not a non-qualified alien and meets the definition of eligible population.

**Evacuee Status:** Refers to a temporary eligibility status, not to exceed 5 months, during which evacuees will be able to access Medicaid or SCHIP services.

**Evacuee Status Eligibility Determination:** Applications for eligibility for evacuee status will be accepted from August 24, 2005 through January 31, 2006, and may be retroactive to August 24, 2005. Any eligibility time period prior to September 1, 2005, will not count against an evacuee's eligibility period. Evacuee status will be limited to parents, pregnant women, children under age 19, individuals with disabilities, low income Medicare recipients, and low income individuals in need of long term care: (1) with incomes up to and including the levels listed on the attached eligibility simplification chart, or (2) with eligibility that meets the eligibility levels in the applicant's Home State. Evacuee status can be established by self-attestation of displacement, income, and immigration status, but evacuees must be required to cooperate in demonstrating evacuee

and eligibility status. If the Host State uses the simplified eligibility chart in determining eligibility, the Host State may apply or waive the Host State resource test criteria applicable to the applicant's eligibility category. If the Host State uses the Home State eligibility criteria for determining eligibility, the Host State must apply the Home State resource test criteria. CMS will consider waivers of the resource tests.

**Home State:** Refers to the State in which the National Disaster has been declared and from which the individuals have been displaced.

**Host State:** Refers to the State in which evacuees are temporarily residing. A Home State can also be a Host State with respect to evacuees whether displaced from homes within its borders or outside its borders.

**Temporary Eligibility Period:** A period of eligibility for up to 5 months is provided for all eligibility groups who are evacuees. If they wish to be determined eligible for regular Medicaid/SCHIP, at the end of the temporary eligibility period individuals must reapply for eligibility under a permanent eligibility category in the State in which they are permanently residing. Neither the Host State nor the Home State is obligated to redetermine eligibility before the termination of the temporary period, but either State may elect to redetermine whether the individual is eligible under a permanent eligibility category under its State plan. No applications for evacuee status may be accepted after January 31, 2006.

**Host State Assurances:** Host States assure that they will, to the greatest extent possible: (1) verify circumstances of eligibility, (2) verify residency and citizenship of the evacuees, and (3) prevent fraud and abuse. Host and Home States may be subject to audit by other Federal agencies including the Office of the Inspector General. The purpose of the audit will be to assure only evacuee expenses are claimed by the State under the terms of the waiver and to detect provider or client fraud and abuse. Any provider or client fraud and abuse will require recovery efforts on the part of the State; however, the States will not be held liable for such fraud and abuse. Additionally, there is a reciprocal obligation for Home/Host States in obtaining necessary information to determine eligibility for this waiver program.

**Duration of the Demonstration Program:** The duration of the program will be from August 24, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

**Eligible Populations:** The demonstration population will consist of evacuees who are parents, pregnant women, children under age 19, individuals with disabilities, low income Medicare recipients, and low income individuals in need of long term care with incomes up to and including the levels listed on the attached simplified eligibility chart or the eligibility levels in the affected States. A new category of "evacuee" will be created to capture the displaced individuals for reporting purposes. States must report enrollment in these eligibility categories monthly.

**Benefits:** The benefits for evacuees will be those of the State plan title XIX and title XXI programs in the Host State. The cost of services provided to evacuees deemed eligible are not counted against any other section 1115, section 1915(b) or (c) waiver the State may have, including Home and Community Based Services waiver slots.

**Effective Date:** The demonstration project will be effective upon approval by the Secretary with respect to evacuees. Eligibility and payments under such a demonstration may be retroactive to August 24, 2005.

**FFP Claiming:** Host States will submit claims directly to CMS rather than submitting claims to Home States as would occur under regular procedures. The Host State will report expenditures related to this demonstration on the CMS-64 and/or the CMS-21 in accordance with instructions provided by CMS.

**Reporting Requirements:** Unless otherwise waived, States will be required to comply with reporting requirements including reporting of enrollee member months monthly and reporting of progress on the demonstration monthly and financial reporting under titles XIX and XXI for evacuees enrolled in this demonstration program quarterly. **States will be required to track separately all expenditures associated with this waiver, including but not limited to, administrative costs and program expenditures in accordance with instructions provided by CMS for this population.**

**Notice to Applicants:** Host States shall provide notice to evacuees that this is a limited benefit for 5 months from the date of application. Applicants should be given notice that at the end of the temporary eligibility period individuals must reapply for eligibility under a permanent eligibility category.

**Fair Hearings and Appeals:** No fair hearings and/or appeals are provided as part of this demonstration program.

**Final Report:** No later than December 31, 2006, Host States will be required to submit a final report to CMS to describe the impact of this program, including but not limited to, the impact on evacuees, the Host States, etc. CMS will provide guidance on the submittal of the final report.

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### **III. CURRENT ELIGIBILITY COVERAGE IN MISSISSIPPI , LOUISIANA, ALABAMA, AND FLORIDA.**

See attached charts for the Medicaid eligibility levels in the affected Home States. States will be provided the opportunity to use the eligibility levels in the affected Home States or can use the simplified eligibility chart attached. In the case of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida, the eligibility levels for SCHIP are up to and including 200 percent of poverty for children.

   / Eligibility will be based on the eligibility levels in the affected Home States. Please indicate which State(s) will be used.

/ Eligibility will be based on the simplified eligibility chart.

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#### **IV. BENEFITS**

   / Benefits covered will include current Host State plan services.

   / Other

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#### **V. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

States will not be required to meet budget neutrality tests under these demonstration programs. The Department agrees that individuals participating in the demonstration are presumed to be otherwise eligible for Medicaid in their respective Home State and costs to the Federal Government would have otherwise been incurred and allowable. Therefore, States participating in the demonstration program will not be required to provide or demonstrate budget neutrality through "without waiver" and "with waiver" expenditure data.

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#### **VI. STANDARD FEATURES**

- A. Health care providers that furnish medical services in good faith, but who cannot comply with normal program requirements because of Hurricane Katrina, will be paid for services provided and will be exempt from sanctions for noncompliance, unless it is discovered that fraud and abuse occurred.
- B. Crisis services provided to Medicaid and SCHIP patients who have been transferred to facilities not certified to participate in the programs will be paid.
- C. Programs will reimburse facilities for providing services to patients in alternative settings, e.g., providing dialysis to patients with kidney failure in alternative settings.
- D. Normal prior authorization and out-of-network requirements may also be waived for enrollees of Medicaid or SCHIP managed care plans.
- E. Normal provider requirements for doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals who cross State lines to provide emergency care in stricken areas will be waived as long as the provider is licensed in their Home State.

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#### **VII. COST SHARING**

States may choose to exempt evacuees from cost-sharing.

   / Cost Sharing will not be imposed on evacuees by the Host State.

   / Cost Sharing will be imposed by the Host State consistent with the requirements outlined in title XIX.



/ Cost Sharing will be imposed by the Host State consistent with the requirements outlined in title XXI.

## **VIII. WAIVERS, REQUIREMENTS NOT APPLICABLE, AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITIES**

A list of “typical” waivers and expenditure authorities has been provided for your convenience; however, States have the flexibility to request additional waivers and expenditure authorities as necessary to operate their programs. If additional waivers or expenditure authorities are desired, please include a detailed request and justification as an attachment.

All requirements of the Medicaid and SCHIP program expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement, not expressly waived or identified as not applicable shall apply to this demonstration program.

### **A. Waivers and Requirements Not Applicable to the Demonstration**

The following waivers and requirements that would not be applicable to the demonstration are requested pursuant to the authority of section 1115(a)(1) of the Act. (Please check all that are applicable):

#### **Title XIX:**

##### **Statewideness and Eligibility Methods and Standards – Section 1902(a)(1) and 1902(a)(17)**

To enable the Host State to implement a program to provide benefits to evacuees who are determined to be eligible under a Home State Medicaid program on less than a Statewide basis. In addition, to enable the Host State to use eligibility methods, benefit levels, and benefit delivery methods for evacuees that are different from those otherwise used within the Home State.

##### **Comparability – Section 1902(a)(10)(B)**

To enable Host States to offer benefits to evacuees that are not comparable to the benefits offered by the Home or Host States to categorically needy individuals or to other individuals in the same eligibility group.

##### **Fair Hearings and Notices – Section 1902(a)(3)**

To enable a Host State to make determinations of temporary status in the Host State Medicaid program for a period of up to 5 months without according the right to fair hearings or appeals of adverse determinations that would be available for determinations with respect to permanent eligibility status. Nothing in this waiver limits the rights of such individuals to seek a determination of permanent eligibility status in the Home State with the right to fair hearings or appeals of adverse determinations.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Cooperation in Establishing Paternity – Section 1902(a)(45)**

To permit the Host State to determine eligibility for evacuees under the Home State program without requiring applicants to comply with paternity cooperation requirements of section 1912.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Freedom of Choice - Section 1902(a)(27)**

To enable the Host State to restrict the choice of provider.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Provider Agreements - Section 1902(a)(32)**

To permit the provision of care in the Host State by individuals or entities who have not executed a Provider Agreement with the Home State Medicaid Agency but have such an agreement with the Host State.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Redeterminations of Eligibility – Sections 1902(a)(4) and 1902(a)(19)**

To permit delay of otherwise required redeterminations for the Home/Host State's title XIX program between August 24, 2005 and February 28, 2006, for recipients living in an emergency area of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida for those recipients who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Amount, Duration, and Scope – Section 1902(a)(10)(B)**

To permit the provision of different services to evacuees within the Host State than to other populations in either the Home or Host States.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Retroactive Eligibility – Section 1902(a)(34)**

To enable the Home State to waive the requirement to provide medical assistance for up to 3 months prior to the date that application for assistance under a temporary eligibility period is made for evacuees.

**Title XXI:****\_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Screening – Section 2102(a)**

The State child health plan of the Host State does not have to reflect the evacuee population.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Screening – Section 2103(a)**

The title XXI income eligibility guidelines of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida, or the simplified eligibility chart criteria will be followed when enrolling evacuee children from these States.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Federal Matching Payments – Section 2105**

To permit Federal Matching Payment for the provision of medical assistance on behalf of an evacuee child during a temporary eligibility period that is not implemented in accordance with section 1920A.

**Annual Reporting Requirements – Section 2108**

To permit not applying annual reporting requirements to this evacuee population.

**Annual Redeterminations - Section 2102**

To permit delay of otherwise required annual redeterminations for the Home/Host State's title XXI program between August 24, 2005 and February 28, 2006, living in an emergency area of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

**B. Expenditure Authority**

Expenditure authority is requested under section 1115(a)(2) of the Act to allow the following expenditures which are not otherwise included as expenditures, under section 1903 or section 2105, to be regarded as expenditures under the Host State's title XIX or title XXI plan.

Note: Checking the appropriate box(es) will allow the State to claim Federal financial participation for expenditures that otherwise would be ineligible for Federal match.

**Title XIX:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Host State expenditures including both administrative and benefit costs of extending benefits during a temporary eligibility period to evacuees who are determined to be eligible under a Home State Medicaid program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Expenditures for Home and Community Based Services for evacuees including administrative and benefit costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Expenditures for medical care, under payment methodologies set forth in the approved State plan, excluding any supplemental payments and without regard to the State disproportionate share hospital allotment, for evacuees who do not have health insurance coverage.

**Title XXI:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Host State expenditures including both administrative and benefit costs of extending benefits during a temporary eligibility period to evacuees who are determined to be eligible under a Home State SCHIP program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Expenditures to permit delay of otherwise required redeterminations between August 24, 2005 and January 31, 2006 for evacuees enrolled in the Host State's Title XXI program.

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**IX. SIGNATURE**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorizing Official (Typed): \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Official (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Section 1115 Demonstration Relief From Hurricane Katrina  
 Evacuee Eligibility Simplification Based on Home State Eligibility Rules

Simplified Eligibility Groups	Family FPL Levels
Children Under Age 19	up to and including 200% FPL
Pregnant Women from Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida	up to and including 185% FPL
Pregnant Women from Alabama	up to and including 133% FPL
Individuals with Disabilities	up to and including 300% SSI
Low-income Medicare Recipients	up to and including 100% FPL
Low-income Individuals in need of Long Term Care	up to and including 300% SSI
Low-income Parents of Children Under Age 19	up to and including 100% FPL

*Alabama***Medicaid Eligibility Groups – Income and Resource Limits**

Eligibility Group	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Section 1931 (Low Income Families with Children)	FS 1 = \$111/month FS 2 = \$137/month FS 3 = \$164/month FS 4 = \$194/month FS 5 = \$225/month	\$1,000
Poverty-level pregnant women and infants	133% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 1 to 6	133% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 6 to 19	100% of the FPL	No resource test
SSI Recipients	\$579 individual/month, \$869 couple/month	\$2,000 individual, \$3,000 couple
Qualified severely impaired blind or disabled under age 65	\$20,553 annual earned income; \$579 monthly unearned income	\$2,000
Disabled adult children	\$579/month	\$2,000
Individuals who would be eligible for SSI except for OASDI COLAs after April 1977	\$579/month	\$2,000
Disabled Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
Early Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
Disabled children who lost SSI due to change in definition of disability (section 4913 children)	\$579/month	\$2,000
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	100% of the FPL or \$798 individual, \$1,079 couple	\$4,000 individual, \$6,000 couple
Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	100-120% of the FPL or \$798-\$957 individual, \$1,070-\$1,283 couple	\$4,000 individual, \$6,000 couple
Qualifying Individuals	120-135% of the FPL or \$957-\$1,077 individual, \$1,283-\$1,444/couple	\$4,000 individual, \$6,000 couple
Qualified Disabled Working Individuals	200% of the FPL or \$1,595 individual, \$2,139 couple	\$4,000 individual, \$6,000 couple
Special Income Level group	300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate or \$1,737	\$2,000

**Florida**  
**Medicaid Eligibility Groups – Income and Resource Limits**  
 (as of August 24, 2005)

Eligibility Group	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Section 1931 (Low-Income Families with Children)	FS 1 = \$180/month FS 2 = \$241/month FS 3 = \$303/month FS 4 = \$364/month FS 5 = \$426/month	\$2,000
Poverty-level pregnant women and infants	185% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 1 to 6	133% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 6 to 19	100% of the FPL	No resource test
Medically Needy	FS 1 = \$180/month FS 2 = \$241/month FS 3 = \$303/month FS 4 = \$364/month FS 5 = \$426/month	FS 1 = \$5,000 FS 2 = \$6,000 FS 3 = \$6,000 FS 4 = \$6,500 FS 5 = \$7,000
SSI Recipients	\$579 individual/month, \$869 couple/month	\$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
Qualified severely impaired blind or disabled under age 65	\$23,991 annual earned income; \$579 monthly unearned income	\$2,000
Disabled adult children	\$579/month	\$2,000
Individuals who would be eligible for SSI except for OASDI COLAs after April 1977	\$579/month	\$2,000
Disabled Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
Early Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
Disabled children who lost SSI due to change in definition of disability (section 4913 children)	\$579/month	\$2,000
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	100% of the FPL or \$798 individual, \$1,079 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	100-120% of the FPL or \$798-\$957 individual, \$1,079-\$1,283/couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Qualifying Individuals	120-135% of the FPL or \$957-\$1,077 individual, \$1,283-\$1,444 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple

Qualified Disabled Working Individuals	200% of the FPL or \$1,595 individual, \$2,139 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Special Income Level group	300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate or \$1,737	\$2,000
Optional State Supplement	\$657.40-\$764.00 individual, \$1,314.80-\$1,528.00 couple	\$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
Individuals Receiving Hospice Care	\$1,737 individual \$3,474 couple	\$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
Optional Aged and Disabled Poverty Level Group	88% of the FPL or \$702 individual, \$941 couple	\$5,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Working Disabled Buy-In Group	\$1,595 individual, \$2,139 couple	\$5,000 individual \$6,000 couple



*Louisiana*  
**Medicaid Eligibility Groups – Income and Resource Limits**  
 (as of August 24, 2004)

Eligibility Group	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Section 1931 (Low-Income Families and Children)	FS 1 = \$72/month FS 2 = \$138/month FS 3 = \$190/month FS 4 = \$234/month FS 5 = \$277/month	No resource test
Poverty-level pregnant women and infants ( <i>LaMOMS</i> )	185% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 1 to 6 ( <i>CHAMP children</i> )	133% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 6 to 19 ( <i>CHAMP children</i> )	100% of the FPL	No resource test
Medically Needy	FS 1 = \$100/month FS 2 = \$192/month FS 3 = \$258/month FS 4 = \$317/month FS 5 = \$375/month	No resource test for AFDC-related For SSI-related: \$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
SSI Recipients	\$579 individual/month, \$869 couple/month	\$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
Qualified severely impaired blind or disabled under age 65	\$23,580 annual earned income; \$579 monthly unearned income	\$2,000
Disabled adult children	\$579/month	\$2,000
Individuals who would be eligible for SSI except for OASDI COLAs after April 1977	\$579/month	\$2,000
Disabled Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
Early Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
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Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	100% of the FPL or \$798 individual, \$1,079 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	100-120% of the FPL or between \$798-\$957 individual, \$1,079-\$1,283	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple

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Qualifying Individuals	120-135% of the FPL or \$957-\$1,077 individual, \$1,283-\$1,444 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Qualified Disabled Working Individuals	200% of the FPL or \$1,595 individual, \$2,139 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Special Income Level group	300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate or \$1,737 individual, \$3474 couple	\$2,000 individual \$4,000 couple
TB-infected individuals	\$579 individual/month \$869 couple/month	\$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
Breast and Cervical Cancer	None (declared income must be < 250% of the FPL at CDC screening)	No resource test
TWWIIA	250% of the FPL (including a disregard)	\$25,000

**Mississippi**  
**Medicaid Eligibility Groups – Income and Resource Limits**  
 (as of August 24, 2005)

Eligibility Group	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Section 1931 (Low Income Families with Children)	FS 1 = \$218/month FS 2 = \$293/month FS 3 = \$368/month FS 4 = \$443/month FS 5 = \$518/month	No resource test
Poverty-level pregnant women and infants	185% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 1 to 6	133% of the FPL	No resource test
Children ages 6 to 19	100% of the FPL	No resource test
SSI Recipients	\$579 individual/month, \$869 couple/month	\$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
Qualified severely impaired blind or disabled under age 65	\$23,991 annual earned income, \$579 monthly unearned income	\$2,000
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Disabled Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
Early Widows/Widowers	\$579/month	\$2,000
Disabled children who lost SSI due to change in definition of disability (section 4913 children)	\$579/month	\$2,000
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	100% of the FPL or \$798 individual, \$1,079 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries	100-120% of the FPL or \$798-\$957 individual, \$1,079-\$1,283 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Qualifying Individuals	120-135% of the FPL or \$957-\$1,077 individual, \$1,283-\$1,444 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Qualified Disabled Working Individuals	200% of the FPL or \$1,595 individual, \$2,139 couple	\$4,000 individual \$6,000 couple
Special Income Level group	300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate or \$1,737	\$2,000
Individuals Receiving	\$1,737 individual	\$2,000

Hospice Care		
Optional Aged and Disabled Poverty Level Group	100% of the FPL or \$798 individual, \$1,079 couple	\$2,000 individual \$3,000 couple
Working Disabled Buy-In Group	\$4,053 earned income/individual, \$5,411 earned income/couple; \$1,127 unearned income/individual, \$1,494 unearned income/couple	\$24,000 individual \$26,000 couple