



LNHA Regulatory Update: September 2019

Notice of Intent

Medicaid Eligibility – Medicare Savings Programs (LAC 50:III 10703 and 10705)

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) currently utilizes the income and asset methodologies of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program to determine Medicaid eligibility of aged, blind and disabled individuals applying for coverage under the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP). Under Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act, states are allowed to use less restrictive income and asset methodologies in determining eligibility for most Medicaid eligibility groups that are used for cash assistance programs. In light of the federal requirements related to the newly implemented Asset Verification System (AVS), LDH has determined the current methodology is unnecessary and will disregard all resources of the aged, blind and disabled individuals in all MSP determinations.

A full text of the rules can be found [here](#) on page 121 of the PDF. Any comments to the proposed change should be submitted to Jen Steele at P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030.

Questions

If you have comments or concerns regarding this update, contact LNHA's Legal and Policy Director, Wes Hataway at whataway@lnha.org.