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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: VERMONT

VARIATIONS FROM THE BASIC PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

Not applicable.

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ELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1931 OF THE ACT

The State covers low-income families and children under section 1931 of the Act.

The following groups were included in the AFDC State plan effective July 16, 1996:

- Pregnant women with no other eligible children *will receive AFDC benefits as long as it has been medically verified that her expected delivery date falls within the next 30 days or, if she is either a minor or is unable to work due to a high-risk pregnancy, within the three-month period following the month of application, and it has been determined that the child would be eligible for ANFC if he or she were born.*
- AFDC children age 18 who are full-time students in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training.
- In determining eligibility for Medicaid, the agency uses the AFDC standards in effect as of July 16, 1996 without modification.

| Household Size | ANFC Payment Level on July 16, 1996 | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | (Within Chittenden County) | (Outside Chittenden County) |
| 1 | \$436 | \$396 |
| 2 | \$536 | \$496 |
| 3 | \$636 | \$597 |
| 4 | \$715 | \$676 |
| 5 | \$802 | \$762 |
| 6 | \$857 | \$818 |
| 7 | \$954 | \$914 |
| 8 | \$1,036 | \$996 |

- In determining eligibility for Medicaid, the agency uses the AFDC standards in effect as of July 16, 1996, with the following modifications:
 - The agency applies lower income standards which are no lower than the AFDC standards in effect on May 1, 1988, as follows:
 - The agency applies higher income standards than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, increased by no more than the percentage increases in the CPI-U since July 16, 1996, as follows:
 - The agency applies higher resource standards than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, increased by no more than the percentage increases in the CPI-U since July 16, 1996, as follows:

- The agency uses less restrictive income and/or resource methodologies than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, as follows:

For individuals who qualify for the categorically needy coverage group by meeting ANFC eligibility criteria, we exclude an amount equal to the difference between the Reach Up payment level currently in effect and the ANFC payment level in effect on July 16, 1996.

The equity value of one operable motor vehicle per assistance group with one adult and two operable motor vehicles per assistance group with more than one adult is excluded as a resource.

The department disregards earned income from wages for 24 months following receipt, if this income would otherwise cause loss of section 1931 eligibility.

The department disregards \$150 plus 25% of the remainder from earnings per month. During the first four months of earnings the department disregards \$90 plus \$30 plus 1/3 of the remainder or \$150 plus 25% of the remainder, whichever is more generous.

The department excludes wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities.

The income and/or resource methodologies that the less restrictive methodologies replace are as follows:

All income considered for ANFC eligibility was considered for the purposes of categorically needy coverage.

The equity value of up to \$1500 for one vehicle used as a primary means of transportation per assistance group was excluded as a resource.

Under ANFC, earned income after allowable disregards was counted.

For ANFC, \$90 was deducted from the gross earnings and a disregard of \$30 plus 1/3 of the remainder was given for the first four months of employment. Then \$90 plus \$30 was disregarded for the next eight months. After that, only \$90 was disregarded from earned income. The remainder was counted in determining eligibility.

Under ANFC, wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to census activities were counted.

- The agency terminates medical assistance (except for certain pregnant women and children) for individuals who fail to meet TANF work requirements.

- The agency continues to apply the following waivers of provisions of Part A of title IV in effect as of July 16, 1996, or submitted prior to August 22, 1996 and approved by the Secretary on or before July 1, 1997: The Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families authorized waivers of various provisions of the AFDC section of the Social Security Act for Vermont's Welfare Restructuring Project (WRP).

The following waiver provisions are carried forward from the WRP and apply to Section 1931 coverage group:

100-hour Rule: The department provides benefits for families in which the principal earner works 100 or more hours per month.

The department disregards assets accumulated from earnings.