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**VARIATIONS FROM THE BASIC PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE**

1. The Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) is increased for mandatory withholding from earned and unearned income to cover federal, state and local taxes. It is also increased for an amount for taxes that are not covered by mandatory income withholding but are owed and paid.

This increase does not apply to any tax that is deducted under another provision in the post eligibility process.

2. The PNA is increased by the amount of income garnisheed for child support subject to the following limitations:

The increase applies only to garnishments made in the same period covered by the PNA; and

The increase does not apply to any amount of the garnishment that is deducted under another provision in the post eligibility process.

3. For residents of ICF/MR's, the personal needs allowance is increased by the amount of earned income up to the monthly amount specified in their plan for independent living, but in no case more than the current Alaska maximum qualifying standard for the disabled adult in an independent living arrangement.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Alaska

ELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1925 OF THE ACT  
TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The State covers low-income families and children for Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) under section 1925 of the Social Security Act (the Act). This coverage is provided for families who no longer qualify under section 1931 of the Act due to increased earned income, or working hours, from the caretaker relative's employment, or due to the loss of a time-limited earned income disregard. (42 CFR 435.112, 1902(a)(52), 1902(e)(1), and 1925 of the Act)

The amount, duration, and scope of services for this coverage are specified in Section 3.5 of this State plan.

For Medicaid eligibility to be extended through TMA, families must have been Medicaid eligible under section 1931 (months of retroactive eligibility may be used to meet this requirement):

- During at least 3 of the 6 months immediately preceding the month in which the family became ineligible under section 1931.
- For fewer than 3 of the 6 previous months immediately preceding the month in which the family became ineligible under section 1931. Specify:  
  
The State extends Medicaid eligibility under TMA for an initial period of:  
  
 6 months. For TMA eligibility to continue into a second 6-month extension period, the family must meet the reporting, technical, and income eligibility requirements specified at section 1925(b) of the Act.
- 12 months. Section 1925(b) does not apply for a second 6-month extension period.

The State collects and reports participation information to the Department of Health and Human Services as required by section 1925(g) of the Act, in accordance with the format, timing, and frequency specified by the Secretary and makes such information publicly available.

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