

# Extension of the Waiver of RMA Financial Eligibility Standards

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[State Letter #13-09](#) provided a waiver on certain financial eligibility standards for the Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) program. The requirements under 45 CFR 400.101 were waived by State Letter #13-09 to give states discretion to use the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology in determining eligibility for RMA. State Letter #13-09 also waived the spend down requirement under 45 CFR 400.103 for states that elect to use the MAGI methodology.

The waiver provided in State Letter #13-09 expired September 30, 2015. Based on my authority as the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement and in accordance with 45 CFR 400.300, I am extending this waiver. The extension of the waiver advances the purposes of the refugee resettlement program, and is appropriate and consistent with federal refugee policy objectives.

Please see [State Letter #13-09](#) for additional information or contact ORR at 202.401.9246.

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