

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



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Bureau of Medicaid Policy, Operations, and Actuarial Services

Project Number: 2449-Eligibility	Comments Due: December 26, 2024	Proposed Effective Date: February 1, 2025
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Policy Subject: Asset Limits for Medicaid

Affected Programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Programs

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Policy Summary: This policy will increase the asset limit for most SSI related Medicaid programs.

Purpose: The current limits have not increased since the inception of the program and are currently \$2000-\$3000.

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual Holders (BEM)

Issued: December 30, 2024 (Proposed)

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Programs Affected: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Related Medicaid Programs

NOTE: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The asset limit for most SSI-Related Medicaid programs will increase to match the asset limits for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP). As part of this change the asset limits will increase with the annual cost of living adjustments to the MSP asset limits.

The Medicaid program in Michigan is bifurcated into family related programs (the Modified Adjusted Gross Income [MAGI] programs), and the disability and aged related programs (SSI Related programs). The MAGI programs no longer have asset tests for eligibility and are not part of this policy change. The SSI related programs have continued to have asset tests since inception of the Medicaid program. With few exceptions the asset limit has historically been \$2000/individual and \$3000/couple. This policy change will increase the asset limits from \$2000/individual and \$3000/couple to the higher MSP program asset limits (currently \$9430/individual and \$14,130/couple). It will not change the treatment of assets in BEM 400. In BEM 400, the limits are increased as indicated but the countability of assets is unchanged.

The SSI-Related programs included in this bulletin are: BEM 154, Special Disabled Children; BEM 157, Early Widows(er)s; BEM 158, Disabled Adult Children (DAC); BEM 155, 503 Individuals; BEM 170, Home Care Children; BEM 171, Children's Waiver; BEM 172 Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Waiver; BEM 163, Ad-Care; BEM 164, Extended Care; BEM 166 Group 2 Aged, Blind and Disabled; BEM 106 MA Waiver for Elderly and Disabled (MI Choice Waiver); BEM 132, Group 2 Persons Under Age 21; BEM 135 Group 2 Caretaker Relatives.

Note: BEM 174, Freedom to Work (FTW), currently uses the higher asset limit for initial eligibility.