

**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2012.

**Subject(s)**

1. Medicaid (MA) updates.
2. Medical Determinations.
3. Child Development and Care (CDC).
4. Disaster Food Assistance Program (DFAP).

**1) MEDICAID****Transportation  
Rates****BAM 825**

Payment rates for non-emergency medical transportation have changed

*Reason:* Payment for transportation is based on fluctuating fuel costs.

**Delta Dental  
Coverage for  
Healthy Kids****BAM 402**

Dental coverage under Delta Dental expands to 10 new counties. the counties are Bay, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Grand Traverse, Jackson, Mecosta, Montcalm, Oseola, and Wexford.

*Reason:* Legislation included increased funding for the program.

**TRANSITIONAL  
MA****BEM 111**

TMA eligibility is only possible when LIF ineligibility results from excess earned income.

*Reason:* Local office request clarification. Not a policy change.

**Community  
Spouse Allowance****BEM 211**

Transfers of income are allowed between an L/H client and their spouse, even if the spouse is not a community spouse as defined because they are participating in a waiver program. Asset and income limits continue to apply to both individuals.

*Reason:* Clarification of policy. It is less expensive to keep a person in the home with supports than in a facility.

**Presumed Asset  
Eligibility Period****BEM 402**

All assets of the spouses (individual and joint) need to be verified at the end of the presumed asset eligibility period and all transfers made during that time are to be evaluated for divestment.

*Reason:* Clarification of policy. divestments may occur after eligibility for MA has been established.

**Life Expectancy  
Tables****BEM 405**

The life expectancy tables have been updated.

**PIK Program****BEM 502/503**

PIK program is moved from 502, self-employment income to 503, unearned income.

*Reason:* Correction of long time mis-classification of income for MA.

**SSI Related  
Children****BEM 540, BEM 541**

Monthly disregards have been updated.

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**POST-ELIGIBILITY  
PATIENT-PAY****BEM 546**

An L/H client can transfer income to the spouse remaining in the home even if that spouse no longer meets the definition of a community spouse because they are in a MA waiver program. That is because without the transfer of income the spouse would not be able to remain in the home and avoid also becoming an L/H client.

**Lady Bird Deed****Glossary**

Lady Bird deeds are defined for the benefit of specialists who deal with asset testing for Medicaid eligibility.

**Miscellaneous**

**BAM 810, 120, 115, BEM 118, 124, 164, 170, 171, 172, 174, 400, 401, 400, 530, 640 and 647**

Updates to remove obsolete references and other grammatical changes.

**2) MEDICAL  
DETERMINATIONS-  
DISABILITY/  
BLINDNESS****FIP/SDA/MA****BAM 815; BEM 260**

The DHS-49-G, Activities of Daily Living Form, is now required for medical determinations. However, if the client does not return the DHS-49-G, the rest of the medical packet should still be forwarded to the MRT for a medical decision.

The DHS-49-G will be available through Word Templates until it has been added to Bridges.

**3) CDC**

**BAM 110, Request for Assistance/BAM 115, At Initial Application**

Migrants are no longer required to complete a new application when moving to a different county.

*Reason:* Workload reduction/EDM coordination

*Communication Plan:* Workforce Development & Training Power Point presentation.

### **BAM 115, 210, 220**

DHS-198, is now called Child Care Provider Authorization.

*Reason:* Simplification

*Communication Plan:* Not required

### **BAM 220, CDC Member Adds**

When a client reports a new person in the home, a telephone interview may be required to determine what verifications may be required. A signed DHS-1171, Assistance Application, or a DHS-1010, Redetermination Form, is required when adding an adult group member.

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

*Communication Plan:* Workforce Development & Training Power Point presentation.

### **BEM 100, Exceptions Not Covered by Published Policy**

Prevention policy has been deleted as prevention services has been transferred to Children's Services.

- CDC has been added.
- Exception requests may be faxed to 517-241-8679.
- CDC Policy will use the DHS-1785, Policy Decision, to issue a policy exception.

*Reason:* Clarification/Program Integrity

*Communication Plan:* Workforce Development & Training Power Point presentation.

### **BEM 703, Employment**

The DHS-431, Self-Employment Income and Expense Statement, has been added as a tool to verify self-employment.

A Front End Eligibility (FEE) referral is required for individuals who request CDC for self-employment.

*Reason:* Program Integrity.

*Communication Plan:* Workforce Development & Training Power Point presentation.

#### **4) Disaster Food Assistance Program**

##### **FAP**

##### **BEM 800**

Policy is updated with the new Disaster Food Assistance Program (DFAP) monthly income limits provided by the Food and Nutrition Service.

*Reason:* Annual update.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Changed Items (content changes) ...**

**BAM 110  
BAM 115  
BAM 120  
BAM 210  
BAM 220  
BAM 402  
BAM 810  
BAM 825  
BEM 100  
BEM 111  
BEM 118  
BEM 124  
BEM 164  
BEM 170  
BEM 171  
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BEM 174  
BEM 211  
BEM 400  
BEM 401  
BEM 402  
BEM 405  
BEM 502  
BEM 503  
BEM 530  
BEM 540  
BEM 546  
BEM 640  
BEM 647  
BEM 703  
BEM 800  
BPG GLOSSARY**

**Changed Items (link changes only) ...**

**BAM 502  
BAM 805**