

**EFFECTIVE**

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**1) Freedom to Work Medicaid****BEM 174, BEM 400, Freedom To Work (FTW) Medicaid**

An individual does not have to be active Medicaid in order for a determination for FTW Medicaid to be considered. FTW coverage is retained when a participant is relocated due to employment. The asset limit when determining initial eligibility for FTW is equal to the

Medicare Savings Program asset limit for an individual in that calendar year.

Once a client is determined eligible for FTW, countable assets cannot exceed the asset limit for FTW in BEM 400.

Accumulated assets that are excluded (not countable) while the participant is enrolled in the FTW program will continue to be excluded if the beneficiary loses eligibility for the FTW program and has a determination of eligibility in another SSI-related Medicaid category.

Income eligibility exists when the client's unearned income does not exceed 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). There are no premiums for individuals with MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income) income less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).

A premium of 2.5 percent of income will be charged for an individual with MAGI income between 138 percent of the FPL and \$75,000 annually.

A premium of 100 percent of the average FTW participant cost will be assessed for an enrolled individual with MAGI income over \$75,000.

*Reason:* Changes to state law.

## 2) Permanent Resident Alien Card and MA

### **BEM 225**

#### **MA only**

The Permanent Resident Alien card (I-151), which is issued by the federal government has been replaced by the Permanent Resident Alien card (I-551). The I-151 is no longer acceptable as a valid form of proof of alien status for the Medicaid program.

*Reason:* Guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

### 3) Long Term Care Partnership Policies

#### **BEM 400**

##### **MA only**

Long Term Care Partnership policies (LTCPs) has been added to the item. LTCPs are a specific type of long term care insurance that will be available in the state of Michigan. LTCPs will affect the calculation of countable assets when a person with a LTCP applies for Medicaid. The countable asset limit for Medicaid has not changed.

The calculation of the value of a life estate by using the life estate factors in Exhibit II is for the purchase of a life estate in another's home only. When a life estate is retained by a client the calculation of the value of the life estate is the remainder.

*Reason:* Implementing state law.

### 4) Personal Care and Home Care Contracts

#### **BEM 405**

The bullets in this section have been re-arranged to make the presentation of the material easier to read. There are separate definitions for the personal care contracts and the home care contracts. Some of the language was clarified.

*Reason:* In response to questions from the field.

### 5) EFIP

#### **BEM 519**

The EFIP program is terminated effective October 1, 2015. BEM 519, Extended FIP, has been removed from BEM.

*Reason:* 2015 PA 58, 2016 Appropriations Act.

#### **BAM 115, BEM 209, 228, 229, 230A, 518, 703**

References to EFIP have been removed.

*Reason:* 2016 Appropriations Act.

**6) STFS****BEM 218**

The STFS program is terminated effective October 1, 2015. BEM 218, Short Term Family Support (STFS) - Michigan's Diversion, has been removed from BEM.

**BAM 115, 500, 505, BEM 209, 229, 230A, 503**

References to STFS have been removed.

*Reason:* 2016 Appropriations Act.

**7) RCA****BAM 115, BEM 230C****RCA**

Do not delay approval of refuge cash assistance (RCA) benefits solely for employment and self-sufficiency activity requirements. Participation in self-sufficiency activities is not a condition of initial eligibility, however it is a condition of continued eligibility.

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

**8) Client  
Representatives****BAM 310**

A client representative acting on the client's behalf may personally inspect the case record during normal business hours in a designated space and in the presence of a staff member. **Case records must not be removed from the MDHHS premises.**

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

**9) MiCAP****BEM 618****FAP**

The address, phone and fax numbers used when referring an individual to MiCAP changed.

*Reason:* Contact information changed.

**10) Actions Not Requiring Notice****BAM 220****FAP Only**

A notice of case action is not sent when the FAP certification period has expired and the redetermination application was not filed.

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

**11) FEE Referral Requirements****BEM 245, 502****All Types of Assistance (TOA), except Medicaid**

Mandatory FEE referral requirements when a client does not have receipts verifying their self-employment income have been eliminated.

*Reason:* Request from the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

**12). FAP Allowable Expenses-Desk Aid****BEM 554**

The note listed under verifications for the Housing/Rent Responsibility and Purchasing Home or Ownership Responsibility expenses has been updated.

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

**13) Redetermination/ Review Packets****BAM 210**

For FIP, SDA and FAP only, if any section of the redetermination/review packet has not been completed but there is a signature, consider the redetermination/review complete. Complete any missing sections during the interview.

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

**14) Opening  
TSSI/Cases  
Transferred to  
SSIT****BEM 150**

References to the DHS-1171, Assistance Application, have been changed to the DCH-1426, Application for Health Coverage & Help Paying Cost.

*Reason:* The DHS-1171 is no longer used as an application for Health Care Coverage.

**BAM 700, 720; BEM 203 and Glossary****15) Trafficking****All Programs**

The Trafficking definition has been clarified to correspond with the wording in the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) regulations.

*Reason:* Clarification.

**BAM 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725 and BEM 203**

Department of Human Services (DHS) has been changed to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

**BEM 203**

Legal base for FIP and FAP updated.

Reference to the fugitive felon policy has been removed to correspond with removal of fugitive felon policy.

*Reason:* Federal court order.

**16) Miscellaneous****BAM 500, 505, BEM 228, 229, 230A, 518, 554**

References to Department of Human Services (DHS) were changed to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

**BAM 115, 500, 505, 806 BEM 117, 135, 154, 165, 209, 228, 230A, 503, 545, 546**

Grammatical and formatting changes were made. References to obsolete materials were removed (CIMS, PT codes, TMA+).

**BEM 546**

An L/H patient's income is diverted to meet the needs of certain family members. The amount diverted is called the family allowance. The basic allowance for each dependent is the monthly amount minus the dependent's countable income, divided by 3. The monthly amount has been corrected in this item to \$1992.

**BAM 600 BEM 212, 515, 550, 554**

References to Fugitive Felon match and policy were removed to correspond with removal of Fugitive Felon policy.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**Changed Items ...**

[BAM 115](#)  
[BAM 210](#)  
[BAM 220](#)  
[BAM 310](#)  
[BAM 400](#)  
[BAM 402](#)  
[BAM 500](#)  
[BAM 505](#)  
[BAM 600](#)  
[BAM 700](#)  
[BAM 705](#)  
[BAM 710](#)  
[BAM 715](#)  
[BAM 720](#)  
[BAM 725](#)  
[BAM 806](#)  
[BAM 825](#)  
[BEM 117](#)  
[BEM 135](#)  
[BEM 150](#)  
[BEM 154](#)  
[BEM 165](#)  
[BEM 174](#)  
[BEM 203](#)  
[BEM 209](#)  
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[BEM 225](#)  
[BEM 228](#)  
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[BEM 245](#)  
[BEM 400](#)  
[BEM 405](#)  
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[BEM 618](#)  
[BEM 703](#)  
[BPG GLOSSARY](#)

**Deleted Items ...**

BEM 218  
BEM 519