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**EFFECTIVE**

December 1, 2012.

**Subject(s)**

1. Disaster food assistance program.
2. Medicaid (MA) exceptions.
3. Post-Eligibility Patient-Pay Amounts.

**1) DISASTER FOOD  
ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM****BEM 800**

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will approve the operation of a Disaster Food Assistance Program (DFAP) in Michigan once a federally declared disaster/mandatory evacuation occurs. Implementation of the DFAP application period will occur within 48 hours of approval of the DFAP.

**Application  
Processing**

Questionable applications may be given a standard of promptness of seven calendar days and a FEE referral must be made. Encourage clients to bring all verifications with them, however, do not delay processing the disaster application for the return of verifications that are not mandatory.

**Interview**

Active FAP clients do not need to participate in an interview or complete an application. If clients choose to have an authorized representative file an application on their behalf, the authorized representative must participate in an in-person interview.

A client who is disqualified for an intentional program violation may still receive benefits under DFAP.

*Reason:* FNS new policy and clarifications.

*Communication Plan:* Office of Workforce Development and Training.

**2) MEDICAID  
EXCEPTIONS****BEM 100****MA**

The Special Director Exception for home maintenance disregard is no longer an exception but an income disregard.

*Reason:* The process has been added to Bridges.

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

A home maintenance disregard is available to Medicaid beneficiaries who will be in long term care for less than six months. The disregard is \$698 per month.

*Reason:* The process has been added to Bridges.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**BEM 100**

**BEM 546**

**BEM 800**