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**DEPARTMENT  
POLICY****MA Only**

This is an SSI-related Group 1 MA category.

MA is available to a child who requires institutional care but can be cared for at home for less cost.

The child must be under age 18, unmarried and disabled. The income and assets of the child's parents are **not** considered when determining the child's eligibility.

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) and the local MDHHS office share responsibility for determining eligibility for Home Care Children. All eligibility factors must be met in the calendar month being tested.

**NONFINANCIAL  
ELIGIBILITY  
FACTORS****CSHCS  
Responsibilities**

CSHCS determines if medical eligibility exists. That is:

- The child requires a level of care provided in a medical institution (for example the hospital, skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility); and
- It is appropriate to provide such care for the child at home; and
- The estimated MA cost of caring for the child at home does **not** exceed the estimated MA cost for the child's care in a medical institution.

CSHCS also obtains necessary information to determine whether the child is disabled and forwards it to the Disability Determination Service DDS. If the criterion in BEM 260 are met, disability will be certified on a DHS-49-A, Medical-Social Eligibility Certification, by DDS.

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**Communication to  
the Local Office**

If the child is disabled and requirements (a) through (c) above are met, CSHCS sends a MSA-1785, Policy Decision, and the medical packet to the appropriate MDHHS local office. The MSA-1785 certifies that the medical requirements in CSHCS **Responsibilities** in this item are met.

CSHCS will also notify the MDHHS local office when this category can no longer be used for a child. Pursue eligibility for other MA categories when a child is no longer eligible for this category. A child determined medically eligible for this category does not need a determination of Medicaid eligibility under a MAGI category first.

**Local Office  
Responsibilities**

**Do not authorize MA under this category without a MSA-1785** certifying medical eligibility for this category. **Use this category when the child is *not* an SSI or FIP recipient. Use this category before using a Group 2 category.**

If a MSA -1785 is received for a child who is **not** an MA applicant or recipient, treat the MSA -1785 as a request for assistance. Contact the child's parents concerning an MA application for the child.

Determine if the child meets the MA eligibility factors in the following items:

- BEM 220, Residence.
- BEM 223, Social Security Numbers.
- BEM 225, Citizenship/Alien Status.
- BEM 257, Third Party Resource Liability.
- BEM 270, Pursuit of Benefits.

**Note:** An ex parte review (see glossary) is required before Medicaid closures when there is an actual or anticipated change, unless the change would result in closure due to ineligibility for all Medicaid. When possible, an ex parte review should begin at least 90 days before the anticipated change is expected to result in case closure. The review includes consideration of all MA categories; see BAM 115 and 220.

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**INQUIRIES**

Inquiries from medical providers or parents concerning medical eligibility (requirements in **CSHCS Responsibilities** in this item) under this category should be directed to a Nurse Consultant at:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Public Health Administration  
Bureau of Family, Maternal & Child Health, Children's Special Health Care Services  
Lewis Cass Building, 6th Floor  
320 S. Walnut Street  
Lansing, MI 48913  
Phone: (517) 335-8983

**FINANCIAL  
ELIGIBILITY  
FACTORS**

Financial eligibility is determined by the MDHHS local office. Only the child's own income and assets are counted. Do **not** deem income and assets from the child's parents to the child.

**Groups**

The child is a fiscal and asset group of one.

**Assets**

The child's countable assets cannot exceed the asset limit in BEM 400. Countable assets are determined based on MA policies in BEM 400 and BEM 401.

**Divestment**

Do **not** apply policy in BEM 405.

**Income Eligibility**

Apply the MA policies in BEM 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, and 530 to determine net income. Income eligibility exists when the child's net income is equal to or less than 100 percent of the SSI federal benefit rate; see RFT 248:

**VERIFICATION  
REQUIREMENTS**

Verification requirements for all eligibility factors are in the appropriate manual items.

**LEGAL BASE**

**MA**

Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (P.L. 97-248),  
Section 134