
EFFECTIVE

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1) Child support**BEM 255****All Programs**

Good cause may include instances where pursuit of child support may result in physical or emotional harm for a refugee family, or the absent parent of a refugee family, when the family separation was the result of traumatic or dangerous circumstances.

Reason: Policy clarification.

**2) Asset
Verification
Program****BAM 110, 210, BEM 400****G2U, G2C, RMA, SSI-Related Medicaid**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) uses an asset verification program to detect unreported assets of applicants and beneficiaries of Group 2 under 21, Group 2 Caretaker Relative, Refugee Medical Assistance, and SSI-related Medicaid which requires an asset test.

Reason: Comply with Social Security Act 1940(a).

**3) Able (529A)
Accounts****BEM 400****FIP, RCA, and FAP**

Distributions from an Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE) account for qualified expenses are disregarded for Cash and FAP.

Reason: Clarification from FNS.

**4) Disaster Food
Assistance
Program****BEM 800**

The DFAP Maximum Allotment and Monthly Income Limit tables were updated effective 10/1/17.

Reason: Annual standards update.

**5) Intentional
Program Violations
Disqualifications****BEM 203****FIP and FAP Only**

Disqualifications occur for all types of intentional program violations not just trafficking.

Reason: Clarification.

6) Assistance Application

BAM 105, 110, 115, 116, 117, 125, 210, 300, 310; BEM 202, 230A, 230C, 270, 272, 800

All Programs

Updates have been completed to accommodate changes for the new MDHHS-1171, Assistance Application.

Reason: New assistance application.

7) Student Status**BEM 245**

An individual is now an eligible student if they are self-employed at least an average of 20 hours per week and earning average weekly income at least equivalent to the federal minimum wage multiplied by 20 hours.

Reason: Food and Nutrition Service regulation change.

8) Secretary of State Inquiries**BAM 806**

Information is updated on obtaining a Secretary of State (SOS) password to access the SOS statewide on-line clearance system.

Reason: Information changed.

9) Income from Rental/Room and Board**BEM 504**

Corrected reference to self-employment expenses for rental/room board income, and the legal base. Also removed reference to Bridges specific screens.

Reason: Clarification and corrections.

10)
MISCELLANEOUS

**Rights and
Responsibilities**

BAM 105

Medicaid

Remove inaccurate exception for Medicaid.

Reason: Policy clarification.

**Reinstatements,
Redeterminations.**

BAM 115, 205, 210

Medicaid

Medicaid questions have been added to the revised DHS-1171.

Information regarding reinstating MAGI Medicaid has been revised.

Reason: Policy clarification.

**Recoupment of MA
Overissuances**

BAM 710

If IPV is suspected, refer the case to the Office of Inspector General (OIG), if appropriate, by completing a front end eligibility (FEE) referral found on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) intranet/Office of Inspector General site [FEE Referral Form](#).; The DHS-834, Fraud Investigation Request, is obsolete.

Requests for MA payment information must be done by the OIG agent. If a client error or IPV is suspected contact OIG to request MA payment information.

After OI discovery and during recoupment processing, file certain documents in the electronic case file not an incorrect issuance packet; see BAM 300.

Reason: Policy update.

Level of Care Codes**BAM 110, 115, 120, 301, 402, 600; BEM 145, 165, 265, 405, 547**

As part of the Modernization Continuum of Care (MCC), the purpose of MSA-2565-C, Facility Admission Notice, is changing. The form has been extensively revised and now will only be processed by the local office for Medicaid births which fail to complete under the birth registry system.

Nursing homes and other facilities (which have previously submitted the MSA-2565-C to the local MDHHS office for processing the admission and the addition of the level of care code (LOC) 02 to the Bridges system) will now enter the admission (and discharge) information directly into the CHAMPS system.

As an ancillary project to the upcoming change to the Modernization Continuum of Care Medicaid LOC codes are changing to Program Enrollment Type (PET) codes. There are several more PET codes than LOC codes as the system can accommodate more detailed arrays of case situations.

Data Exchanges**BAM 801, 803, 807, 809**

Updated application types and titles.

Reason: Remove obsolete applications.

Medicare Enrollment**BAM 810****Medicaid**

The local office can submit a [HCFA-40B](#), Application for Enrollment in Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), Medicare enrollment form, to SSA on behalf of a deceased MDHHS MA client. The purpose is to obtain Medicare coverage of medical bills.

Reason: Updated link to form.

Department Wards**BEM 117**

Remove reference to Bay Pines and Shawono.

Healthy Michigan Plan

Reason: The medical benefits are restricted for residents of either institution.

BEM 137**Medicaid**

Nonfinancial eligibility factors have been added.

Reason: Policy clarification.

Issuing Benefits**BEM 213**

Changed \$16 to minimum benefit.

Reason: Clarification.

Spousal Support**BEM 256**

Remove obsolete program names and information.

Trusts**BEM 401**

Addition of new language regarding who can establish an Exception A trust.

Reason: Federal clarification.

Post Eligibility Patient Pay Calculations**BEM 546**

The community spouse income allowances annual increases are updated in the manual.

Migrants/Seasonal Farmworkers**BEM 610**

Remove obsolete program name.

Referrals to MiCAP

BEM 618

Zip code for referring individuals to MiCAP was corrected.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Changed Items ...

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[BAM 115](#)
[BAM 116](#)
[BAM 117](#)
[BAM 120](#)
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