
EFFECTIVE

January 1, 2022.

Subject(s)

1. Disaster Food Assistance Program. (DFAP).
2. Medicaid (MA).
 - MA waiver for elderly and disabled.
 - Healthy Kids Expansion.
 - Assets.
 - Annual update.
3. Miscellaneous.

1) Disaster Food Assistance Program (DFAP)**BEM 800**

Updated the DFAP maximum allotment and monthly income limit tables effective 10/1/21.

Reason: Annual DFAP income limit and maximum allotment update.

2) Medicaid**BEM 106, MA Waiver for Elderly and Disabled**

An Initial Asset Assessment (IAA) may be needed for potential waiver participants with a spouse. The IAA is used to protect a certain amount of the couple's combined resources for the community spouse. It does not determine the start of Medicaid eligibility. Use policy in BEM 402 to determine if an IAA is appropriate. The first day of continuous care is used to determine the amount of resources for the couple.

Appropriate means there is medical documentation which supports the need for the services received. The individual does not have to receive these services from a waiver agent listed below but can be received from a waiver agent's network agents, or from an appropriate person or entity trained to provide the services. The services may not be provided by a relative or family member.

BEM 131, Healthy Kids Expansion (HKE)

Updated the description of the Healthy Kids Expansion group. Also, updated the income eligibility table for the chapter to make the requirements for HKE clearer. Fixed typos throughout.

Reason: Clarifications requested by the field.

BEM 400, Assets - SSI-Related MA Only

A vehicle is any registered or unregistered vehicle used for transportation. Vehicles used for transportation include, but are not limited to, passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, snow mobiles, animal-drawn vehicles, and even animals.

If the burial space items serve the same purpose, exclude only one item per person.

Reason: Policy clarification.

BEM 400, 402, 405 and 546 - SSI-Related MA Only

The annual cost of living adjustment increase for extended care related standards.

BEM 540, 541

Updated MA deemed income allotments for SS-related children and adults.

3)Miscellaneous

BAM 110, 130, 301 and Glossary

BEM 209, 212, 223, 225, 225A, 228, 230A, 230C, 233A, 515, 550, 554, 610 and 800

The term *alien* updated to *non-citizen*.

BAM 110, 205, 301, 406, 500, 502 BEM 406 and 545

DHS-176, Client Notice, updated to MDHHS-176, Client Notice.

BEM 401

Updated legal base, 42 U. S. C. § 1396p(d)(4)(A) and (C).

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