

## MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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**Phone Number:**

Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

### Brief description of policy:

This policy will increase most SSI-Related Medicaid program asset limits to match the corresponding Medicare Savings Program limits.

### Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

The current limit has not increased since the inception of the program and is currently only \$2000-\$3000.

### Budget implication:

☐ budget neutral

☒ will cost MDHHS \$ 8 million-\$15 million, and is budgeted in current appropriation

☐ will save MDHHS \$

### Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

No

### Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes - local MDHHS offices

### Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No

### Summary of input:

☐ controversial (Explain)

☐ acceptable to most/all groups

☒ limited public interest/comment

### Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide status:

☐ Approved

☐ Pending

☐ Denied

Date:

Approval

Date:

Public Notice Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes,

Submission Date:

**DRAFT FOR PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

**Michigan Department of  
Health and Human Services**

**Project Number:** 2449-Eligibility

**Date:** November 20, 2024

**Comments Due:** December 26, 2024

**Proposed Effective Date:** February 1, 2025

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**Policy Subject:** Asset Limits for Medicaid

**Affected Programs:** Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid programs

**Distribution:** Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

**Summary:** This policy will increase the asset limit for most SSI related Medicaid programs.

**Purpose:** The current limits have not increased since the inception of the program and are currently \$2000-\$3000.

**Cost Implications:** \$8 million-\$15 million

**Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:** none

**State Plan Amendment Required:** Yes ☒ No ☐  
**If yes, date submitted:**

**Public Notice Required:** Yes ☐ No ☒  
**Submitted date:**

**Tribal Notification:** Yes ☒ No ☐ - **Date:**

**THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER**

☐ **Approved**

☐ **No Comments**

☐ **See Comments Below**

☐ **Disapproved**

☐ **See Comments in Text**

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**Bureau/Administration** (*please print*)

**Date**

# Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

**Distribution:** Bridges Eligibility Manual Holders (BEM)

**Issued:** December 30, 2024 (Proposed)

**Subject:** Asset Limits for Medicaid

**Effective:** February 1, 2025 (Proposed)

**Programs Affected:** Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Related Medicaid Programs

**NOTE: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).**

The asset limit for most SSI-Related Medicaid programs will increase to match the asset limits for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP). As part of this change the asset limits will increase with the annual cost of living adjustments to the MSP asset limits.

The Medicaid program in Michigan is bifurcated into family related programs (the Modified Adjusted Gross Income [MAGI] programs), and the disability and aged related programs (SSI Related programs). The MAGI programs no longer have asset tests for eligibility and are not part of this policy change. The SSI related programs have continued to have asset tests since inception of the Medicaid program. With few exceptions the asset limit has historically been \$2000/individual and \$3000/couple. This policy change will increase the asset limits from \$2000/individual and \$3000/couple to the higher MSP program asset limits (currently \$9430/individual and \$14,130/couple). It will not change the treatment of assets in BEM 400. In BEM 400, the limits are increased as indicated but the countability of assets is unchanged.

The SSI-Related programs included in this bulletin are: BEM 154, Special Disabled Children; BEM 157, Early Widows(er)s; BEM 158, Disabled Adult Children (DAC); BEM 155, 503 Individuals; BEM 170, Home Care Children; BEM 171, Children's Waiver; BEM 172 Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Waiver; BEM 163, Ad-Care; BEM 164, Extended Care; BEM 166 Group 2 Aged, Blind and Disabled; BEM 106 MA Waiver for Elderly and Disabled (MI Choice Waiver); BEM 132, Group 2 Persons Under Age 21; BEM 135 Group 2 Caretaker Relatives.

**Note:** BEM 174, Freedom to Work (FTW), currently uses the higher asset limit for initial eligibility.