MEDICAID AND LONG TERM CARE

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Medicaid and Long Term Care

Introduction

We all know long term care in a nursing home or other setting is very expensive. We worry whether we can afford it should we need such care now or in the future.

There are government programs to help pay these costs. Whether you or a loved one is eligible, and how much assistance is available, are complicated questions.

This pamphlet contains basic information to get you started. It contains questions and answers, copies of forms to help you know what to expect, and lists of agencies to contact. The information is not authoritative, and the rules can change often.

If you have questions after reading the pamphlet, you can contact –

Your local office of the Michigan Department of Human Services. A list of offices and telephone numbers is located in Appendix N of this booklet, or

The Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program, toll-free at 1-800-803-7174, or

A lawyer familiar with the Medicaid program.
Medicaid and Medicare

What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a state and federally funded program designed to pay for many health care needs of individuals who are determined eligible. Medicaid eligibility is determined by the Michigan Department of Human Services.

What factors determine if I am eligible for Medicaid?

Eligibility depends on your age or disability, your income, the value of certain assets you own, and the amount of your long term care expenses. In some circumstances, whether you are single or married will affect your eligibility.

Having other medical insurance will not affect your eligibility for Medicaid.

What is an asset?

An asset is anything you own. For Medicaid eligibility, some of your assets are not counted.

How is Medicaid different from Medicare?

Unlike Medicaid, Medicare is funded entirely by the federal government and individual premiums. Medicare is run by the Social Security Administration. Eligibility for Medicare is not based on your income or the assets you own.

What factors determine my eligibility for Medicare?

To be eligible for Medicare you must meet one of the following qualifications:
* Age 65 or older
* End-stage renal disease
* Lou Gehrig's Disease
* Social Security Disability payments for at least two years

**Does Medicare cover any of the costs of long term care?**

Yes. But Medicare only covers skilled care in a nursing home for a short time, and only after a hospital stay of at least 3 days. Medicare can pay all nursing home costs for your first 20 days in the nursing home, and part of the cost for days 21 - 100, as long as you continue to need skilled care. Skilled care includes services such as intravenous injections or physical therapy.

Under certain circumstances, Medicare covers home health care.

**Is it possible to have both Medicare and Medicaid?**

Yes. Many people have both Medicare and Medicaid.

**Does Medicaid cover any of the costs of long term care?**

Yes, as long as you are financially eligible and you need the type of care available in a nursing home.

**Is there a time limit on how long I can receive Medicaid benefits for long term care?**

No. But your financial eligibility will be reviewed by the Department of Human Services once a year.
Estate Recovery

If I receive Medicaid, will the State of Michigan take my house when I die?

_Estate recovery_ is a process by which the state is paid back upon the death of an individual receiving Medicaid-paid long term care services. Michigan has a law establishing estate recovery, but as of February, 2009 does not yet have approval from the federal government to begin the program.

When it is approved, the policy might apply to individuals who began to receive nursing home care or waiver services after September 30, 2007.

If I am married, will the State take my home at the time of my death?

No, not if your spouse is living in the home. And there will likely be other circumstances when the State will not take your house. The specifics of Michigan's program are still under review by the federal government.

If I need to repay Medicaid, will I owe the full value of my house?

Likely no. Under the proposed program, the state will look at the average price of a house in your county at the time of your death. Your estate could often keep an amount equal to half that value.

How can I get up-to-date information about estate recovery?

You can call the Medicare-Medicaid Assistance Program at 1-800-803-7174.
Cost of Care

If I am in a nursing home and eligible for Medicaid, will Medicaid pay the total cost of care?

The yearly cost of a nursing home bed under Medicaid is about $47,000. If you are not married, you will pay most of your income toward the cost of nursing home care. Medicaid will pay the balance.

Do the same rules apply if I am married, and my husband or wife does not live in a nursing home?

No. There are different rules for a married couple. These rules will be explained later in the booklet.

Preparing To Apply

If I am married, and I enter a nursing home before I have Medicaid, what steps I should take?

One important step is to call and ask the Michigan Department of Human Services to send you an *Assets Declaration*. A copy of the form is Appendix A in this pamphlet.

On the form, you list the value of bank accounts and other assets you and your husband or wife own (except for your home, home furnishings, clothing, and jewelry) on the day you enter the nursing home (or enter the hospital if a nursing home stay follows).

You can mail or bring this completed form to the local Department of Human Services, so the caseworker can do an *Initial Asset Assessment*.
Are there other steps?

Whether or not you are married, gather and organize -

- Current bank statements and brokerage statements
- Bank statements for the past several months
- Pension statements, showing your current benefits
- Most recent benefit letter from Social Security showing your monthly benefit
- Any other documents that show the value of your assets and income

Are there any other records I need to gather?

Yes. Make sure you obtain bank statements or stock brokerage statements about accounts you have closed and property you have sold or given away within the last five years.

Gather all medical bills that you have not paid yet, including nursing home bills.

If you have life insurance, ask the company to send you proof of the policy’s face value and cash surrender value.

**Care Outside a Nursing Home**

Are services available if I need the type of care in a nursing home, but I want to remain at home?

Yes. If you are financially eligible and you need the type of care available in a nursing home, Medicaid may be able to pay for some services you
need through the waiver program (also known as MI CHOICE or home and community based care), or through Home Help Services.

In addition, if you are age 60 or older, there are services not funded through Medicaid. Your Area Agency on Aging provides care management, and can arrange or direct you to home-delivered meals and other home-related services. A list of Area Agencies on Aging is included as Appendix L of this pamphlet.

Most counties also have a council on aging or commission on aging you can contact for information.

What types of services are available under the waiver program?

Services include having someone do chores and house cleaning, home modifications, home delivered meals, transportation, and private duty nursing. Help with personal care can also be provided to waiver participants.

Whom should I call about the waiver program?

Contact the waiver agent in your area to find out details about eligibility, benefits, and any waiting list for services. A geographical list of waiver agents is included in Appendix M.

What services are available under the Home Help Services Program?

If you are a Medicaid recipient, the Department of Human Services may be able to pay someone to help you with housework, laundry, grocery shopping, meal preparation and personal care. You can choose a friend or relative to provide the services and care, or you can choose a business. This program cannot pay for transportation, or for any services provided by a spouse.

The Department of Human Services may also be able to pay for bath transfer benches, special eating utensils, lift chairs, bed tables and other items not paid by Medicaid or other insurance, so you may remain more independent.
How do I apply for Home Help Services?

When you apply for Medicaid, tell your caseworker you want Home Help. If you are already enrolled in Medicaid, call your Department of Human Services office and ask for an adult services worker. A caseworker will mail you a brief application along with a form for your doctor to fill out and sign. Your doctor indicates on the form that you need the kind of assistance provided by the program.

After you mail both forms back to the Department, someone will contact you to make an appointment. The worker will come to your home to determine the tasks you need and the amount of time per week for which the Department can pay.

Applying for Medicaid

When should I apply for Medicaid for long term care?

You should apply when you need the type of care available at a nursing home and you will soon not be able to afford the full cost of care.

If you apply and you are determined not to be eligible, you can apply again at a later date.

How do I apply for Medicaid?

You first complete a Medicaid Application. A copy of the application is Appendix B to this booklet.

You can get an application by calling the county office of the Michigan Department of Human Services, at the telephone number listed in Appendix P of this booklet.
If I am married, do I use the same form?

Yes. But you must also complete an *Assets Declaration*, if you have not already done so. See Appendix A.

What if I receive Supplemental Security Income?

If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you are automatically eligible for Medicaid. You need not complete an application.

You are eligible from the first day of the month in which you receive your first SSI check.

Can someone fill out the Medicaid application for me, with information he or she obtains?

Yes. Another person - such as a family member - can fill out and sign the application for you. You can also have a non-family member fill out the application if you give that person written permission to do so.

What information will I need to complete the application?

You are asked for information such as -

* Your income, and the sources of income

* The value of your house, and the amount of any mortgages

* The amount you have in the bank, in stocks, in retirement accounts and the value of other assets you own

* The value of any life insurance you own

* The value of a pre-paid funeral contract
What if I am married?

You will then need to include your husband or wife's income, and the value of his or her bank account and other assets.

What do I do when the application is completed?

You, or someone on your behalf, must drop off or mail the Application (or the Application and Assets Declaration if you are married) to the local Department of Human Services office. (If you have already sent in the Assets Declaration, you need not send another copy.)

What will happen next?

You will receive a Verification Checklist from a caseworker at the Department of Human Services. See Appendix C. For each of the items checked off, send in a photocopy of the document requested. (Do not send the original document.)

You have 10 days to send in this information. If you need more time, call the caseworker and request an extension. The caseworker's name and telephone number are on the checklist letter.

What are the likely documents for which I will be asked?

* A copy of your driver's license or state-issued ID card, to prove your identity.

* A copy of your birth certificate, and Social Security card or Medicare card.

* Documents showing your current monthly income, such as a Social Security statement and pension statement.

* Your latest monthly bank statement for each account on which your name appears (even if there are other names on the account). You can show this information on a Verification of Assets form. Appendix D.
* Proof of the current value of stocks, annuities and retirement accounts

* A copy of life insurance policies or a Life Insurance Verification form. See Appendix E.

What if I have unpaid medical bills?

Depending on your assets and income during the three months before you apply, you may be eligible to have some or all of these medical bills paid.

If you indicate on your Application you have unpaid medical bills for services you received during the past three months, you will be asked to complete a Retroactive Application. See Appendix F.

If I am married, do I also provide documents indicated on the Checklist about my wife or husband’s income, bank accounts and other assets?

Yes. And you will be asked for copies of bills for household expenses, such as utilities, rent or mortgage, property taxes and property insurance.

What if I am under age 65 and have a disability?

You must have a document showing you are receiving Social Security disability payments (known as RSDI).

Even if you don't receive these payments, you can give the caseworker evidence showing you are disabled. The Department will conduct a review to determine if you are eligible for Medicaid based on your disability.
Determining Eligibility

How does the Department of Human Services determine if I am eligible for Medicaid?

The caseworker will determine the value of your countable assets. If you are not married and your countable assets are greater than $2,000, you are not eligible for Medicaid now.

What possessions of mine are countable assets?

Among countable assets are the following -

* All cash, bank and credit union accounts, including certificates of deposit
* Individual retirement accounts, stocks and mutual funds
* The cash surrender value of life insurance, to the extent the face value exceeds a total of $1,500 for all policies you own
* A vacation home, a second car, or a boat (minus any loans outstanding on these items)

How does the Department value a bank account I own jointly with my son or daughter?

The Department of Human Services will consider all money in the bank or credit union account, in certificates of deposit or savings bonds belongs only to you even though the account is in more than one name.

However, if you can provide evidence your children contributed money to the account, that amount will not be counted as belonging to you.
How does the Department value assets other than a bank account I own with someone other than my spouse?

Each owner of assets including real estate and stock is considered to own an equal share, unless you show ownership is different from that.

What assets can I own, and still be eligible?

Some of these are -

* Your home (except if you are single and your equity exceeds $500,000), and all attached acreage

* Clothing, jewelry, and home furnishings

* One car

What else can I own, and still be eligible?

For instance -

* Life insurance with a face value totaling $1,500 or less

* A prepaid funeral arrangement (up to $11,072) which you cannot cancel, and burial spaces for you and your family

* An amount you borrow from the bank if the money is kept in a separate savings or checking account

* Real estate or other asset which you are unable to sell, after having tried to sell for a month or longer

If I am not married, what is the value of countable assets I can own and still be eligible?

All your countable assets, when the value is added up, must not be more than $2,000.
What if I am married?

If you are married, and both you and your spouse are in a nursing home, each of you can have countable assets worth no more than $2,000.

If you are married, but only you need long term care, different rules apply. You will need to complete an Assets Declaration, referred to on page 6, listing property you and your spouse own, either individually or jointly.

What will the Department of Human Services do with the information?

After verifying the total value of countable assets shown on the Assets Declaration or Application, the caseworker will determine a Protected Spousal Amount. That is the maximum amount the spouse still living at home is allowed to keep for the nursing home spouse to remain eligible for Medicaid.

In 2009, if the total value of a couple’s countable assets is $43,824 or less, the Protected Spousal Amount is $21,912. These amounts increase each year.

What if the total value is greater than $43,812?

If the total value is between $43,812 and $219,120, the Protected Spousal Amount is one half the total value.

If the total value is greater than $219,120, the Protected Spousal Amount is $109,560.

What are some examples?

Allan and Susan Jones have combined countable assets totaling $32,000. The Protected Spousal Amount for them will be $21,912 the minimum amount.

Jenny and Steven Jackson have combined countable assets totaling $160,000. The Protected Spousal amount for them will be one-half of $160,000, or $80,000.
Sarah and John Smith have combined countable assets totaling $350,000. The Protected Spousal Amount for them will be $109,560. This is the maximum amount allowed, unless raised through a court proceeding.

**Is my home a countable asset in determining the Protected Spousal Amount?**

Your home is not a countable asset if you own it, or if you own it with your spouse. However, it is a countable asset if the home is owned by a trust at the time you complete the Assets Declaration.

**What does the Department do once the Protected Spousal Amount is determined?**

The Department will subtract the Protected Spousal Amount from the value of the combined countable assets on the date the value of the assets is verified by the caseworker. If the result is $2,000 or less, you are *asset eligible*.

**Income Eligibility**

**What is the next step?**

If you are asset eligible, the caseworker next determines if you are *income eligible*.

If you are income eligible, the caseworker will determine the amount of your income to be paid to the nursing home.

**How does the Department of Human Services decide if I am income eligible?**

First, the Department adds up all your monthly income, such as Social Security, pension, and Veteran’s benefits.
Second, certain of your expenses are subtracted from your income, such as -

* Your *personal needs allowance* (also known as patient allowance) of $60 per month

* Health insurance premiums you pay for Medicare and for any type of private health insurance

* If you are married, possibly an amount for living expenses for your spouse at home, depending on the amount of your spouse's income

Third, the Department looks at your nursing home expenses. If your nursing home bill is higher than your income after your expenses are subtracted, you are eligible for Medicaid.

**Can some of my income go to my spouse at home to help her or him with living expenses?**

Usually, yes.

**How is the amount of my income that can go to my spouse determined?**

The amount depends on a complicated formula which includes whether your spouse has either children under age 21 or other dependents at home and -

* Your spouse's income

* Your spouse's health insurance premiums

* Monthly rent, utility costs, mortgage and home equity loan payments

* Monthly cooperative and condominium fees

* Property taxes and homeowners insurance
After these calculations, how much will my spouse at home have for his or her needs?

The lowest amount your spouse can have is the smaller of your combined monthly incomes or $1750 per month. (This amount will increase to $1821 in Spring, 2009.)

Depending on housing expenses, the most your spouse can have is the higher of your spouse's monthly income alone or $2739 per month.

These dollar figures are updated each year.

Can my husband or wife receive more than $2,739 per month from me?

Yes. This amount can be increased through a court proceeding if your income exceeds $2,739 per month. If you wish to go to court, it will be helpful to see a lawyer familiar with the Medicaid program.

How long does the Department of Human Service have to make a decision on eligibility?

The Department of Human Services is supposed to determine if you are eligible for Medicaid within 45 days after the Department receives your application. The Department has 90 days if a disability determination is required.

Will I receive anything from the caseworker while I wait for the decision on my eligibility?

If the caseworker can not make a decision within a week, you should receive a Tentative Patient Pay Notice. See Appendix G. This document shows an estimated patient pay amount.

What is a patient pay amount?

A patient pay amount is the portion of your monthly income you must pay toward your nursing home costs.
If You Are Determined Eligible

What if the Department of Human Services determines I am eligible for Medicaid?

You will receive a *Medicaid Program Eligibility Notice* stating that you are eligible, the date of your eligibility, and the amount of your patient pay amount. See Appendix H of this booklet.

In some circumstances, your patient pay amount will be zero.

The nursing home collects the patient pay amount from you, and bills Medicaid for the balance of the cost of your care.

Will I have any money to spend as I wish?

Yes. You will have a *personal needs allowance* of $60 per month.

On what date will I be eligible?

If you are eligible for Medicaid, eligibility begins on the first day of the month during which your application is received by the Department of Human Services.

What if I have sent in a Retroactive Application?

Eligibility may begin up to three months earlier if you have unpaid medical bills for services received during this time. These bills might make you income eligible for one or more of these three months.

What if I am married?

Along with the Eligibility Notice, you will also receive an *Initial Asset Assessment Notice*. See Appendix I.
The form shows you three things:

1) The initial assessment (the total value of the countable assets held by you and your husband or wife)

2) A list of the countable assets and the value of each

3) The Protected Spousal Amount (the value of the countable assets your spouse can keep, and you still be eligible for Medicaid)

**Are there other forms I will receive if I am married?**

Yes. You will receive a third form, known as an *Asset Transfer Notice*. See Appendix J. This shows the value of assets that are in your name now (or in joint names), which must be transferred to your husband or wife’s name or to your child who is blind or disabled.

You have one year to complete these transfers. If you do not transfer these assets within one year, you will no longer be eligible to receive Medicaid.

**At that point, is there anything else I need to send to the Department of Human Services?**

You may be asked to complete an *Intent to Contribute Income* form. See Appendix K. On this form, you agree or disagree to make part of your income available to your spouse at home. (If you don’t agree, this income will go to the nursing home as an increased patient pay amount instead of to your spouse.)

You should return this form to the Department of Human Services within 10 days after the Department mails it to you.

**Once I am found eligible for Medicaid, will my spouse at home have to contribute any of her or his income toward my care?**

No.
If You Are Determined Ineligible

What if the Department decides I am ineligible for Medicaid?

Whether you are single or married, you will receive a Medical Program Eligibility Notice. See Appendix H. The form states why you have been denied.

If you disagree with the reason or reasons for your denial, you can contact the caseworker to see if an error has been made. The caseworker's name and telephone number are on the Eligibility Notice.

What if I still believe an error has been made?

Within 90 days of getting the Medical Program Eligibility Notice, you can ask for a hearing. To do so, you complete and send to the Department the Request for Hearing (which is on the second page of the Medical Eligibility Notice).

If the Medical Program Eligibility Notice states my application was denied because I have excess assets, what can I do?

You can spend some of the money you have in the bank. You can sell a boat, a second car, or vacation property for full value, and then spend that money on those items that are not countable in determining Medicaid eligibility.

For instance, you can -

* Pay bills that are due or past due, including utility bills, taxes, and medical bills for you and your husband or wife

* Buy clothing and other personal items

* Pay the costs of nursing home care

* Pay for remodeling or repairs to your home
* Pay for a funeral if the money you pay is non-refundable. The cost of the funeral cannot exceed $11,072

* Purchase a casket and burial plots for you and your immediate family

**Should I keep records of these expenses?**

Yes. Keep all credit card statements, bank statements, receipts, and contracts showing what you bought and how much you paid. You may be asked by the Department of Human Services to show how you spent this money.

**Can I have a trust created and put money in the trust?**

There are certain types of trusts that can be created if you are married or disabled. A trust is a legal entity with one or more trustees and a beneficiary. For further information, you should seek the advice of a lawyer familiar with the Medicaid program.

**Can I give money or property away?**

With certain exceptions, you will likely suffer a penalty if you give assets away in order to become eligible for Medicaid, and the assets are not returned to you.

The penalty will disqualify you from receiving Medicaid for nursing home care and waiver services for a period of time after you otherwise qualify.

The length of time you are disqualified depends on the value of what you have given away. For 2008, you will be disqualified one month for every $6,191 you have given away.

**To whom can I give away assets without a penalty?**

You can transfer money and property to your husband or wife, and to your child - if your child is blind or has a disability.
You can give your home to a child under age 21, or child age 21 or older who provided care to you for two or more years before you entered the nursing home.

**If I receive notice I do not qualify for Medicaid, when should I reapply for Medicaid?**

You should reapply when you have spent your excess assets. If you are single, your countable assets must total no more than $2,000.

**When I am not eligible for Medicaid, how is the amount I pay the nursing home determined?**

The amount you pay as a private-pay resident is determined by the contract between you (or someone with legal control of your money) and the nursing home.

Some homes charge as much as $7,500 per month.

**Once You Are Determined Eligible**

**Unless questions arise, when will I next hear from the Department of Human Services?**

Once a year, you will receive a new application that you must complete. This process is known as *Redetermination*.

**Do I need to do anything during the first year I am eligible?**

If you are married, you have one year to remove your name from countable assets you own or jointly own, such as a second car, a boat, stock, or vacation property.
You do not need to sell them. You can transfer the asset, your interest in the asset, or the value of the asset to your husband, wife, blind child or disabled child.

**What about other assets?**

Your total amount of countable assets, including a bank account or joint bank account, must be valued at $2,000 or less on at least one day during each month.

**Can I give my wife or husband access to the bank account?**

Yes. You can have a joint account with only your money in it, or you can sign a *durable power of attorney for finances* to allow your spouse to withdraw money for you.

**What about the house?**

You can speak with a lawyer about whether to put the house and other non-countable assets in the community spouse's name alone.

**What if I move from the nursing home?**

If you move from a nursing home to a house, apartment, or other living arrangement, you may still be eligible for certain services paid through Medicaid.

Make sure to telephone your caseworker at the Department of Human Services to report your new address. If you get a recording, leave your name, your new address and the date you left the nursing home.

Long Term Care Connections, MI-Choice Waiver Agents and Centers for Independent Living may also be able to provide help to you during this transition period.
The Future

If I remain in the nursing home, will there be any further paperwork to complete?

Yes. Once a year you will be asked to complete a new Medicaid Application, a process known as Redetermination.

At that time, you will need to provide proof of your assets, income, and expenses, such as medical insurance premiums.

What if I am married?

You will be asked for documents proving -

* Your income
* Your assets
* Income of your spouse
* Home expenses of your spouse
* Proper transfer of assets, so your countable assets now total $2,000 or less

How can I pay for medical needs not covered by Medicare or Medicaid?

For necessary medical care not covered by Medicaid, including services provided by a dentist, podiatrist, chiropractor or hearing aid dealer, you can use money you would otherwise pay to the nursing home. The nursing home will lower your patient pay amount for that month.
More Information

What if I have further questions now or in the future?

If you have questions about Medicaid and long term care, you can contact the following resources:

* Michigan Department of Human Services. A list of local offices and telephone numbers can be found in Appendix P of this booklet.

* Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program can be called toll-free. 1-800-803-7174

* Michigan MI Choice Waiver Agents are listed in Appendix M.

* Michigan Long Term Care Connections are listed in Appendix N.

* Area Agencies on Aging are listed in Appendix L.

* Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program can be called toll-free. 1-866-485-9393

* A lawyer familiar with the Medicaid program.
ASSETS DECLARATION
PATIENT AND SPOUSE
Michigan Department of Human Services

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Grantee Name
Grantee Client ID
Case Number
County District Section Unit Specialist

PLEASE PRINT
Patient's Name (First, Middle, Last) Phone No. of Nursing Home Spouse's Name (First, Middle, Last) Spouse's Phone Number
Address of Nursing Home (Number, Street, Rural Route) Spouse's Address (Number, Street, Rural Route)
City State Zip Code City State Zip Code
Patient's Birthdate (Mo/Day/Yr) Patient's Social Security Number Spouse's Birthdate (Mo/Day/Yr) Spouse's Social Security No. (Optional)

This form asks questions about the property or assets owned by you and/or your spouse. This information is needed to determine your eligibility for Medicaid and the amount of assets that can be protected for the benefit of your spouse. Answer the following questions by providing information about all assets owned by you and/or your spouse as of __________________________. Include assets you or your spouse own jointly with family or other persons.

ASSETS

1. Does anyone in your household have any assets (include assets held jointly)?
   □ Yes   □ No
   Check all types of assets your household has and complete the table

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AUTHORITY: 42 CFR Part 435.
COMPLETION: Voluntary.
PENALTY: No Medicaid.

Department of Human Services (DHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to a DHS office in your area.
ASSETS

2. Yes anyone in your household have any vehicles?
   □ Yes  □ No
   □ Car  □ Truck  □ Boat  □ Campers / trailers  □ Motorcycles  □ RV  □ Other Vehicles

   Owner(s)
   (As shown on vehicle title
   or registration)  Year  Make / Model  Amount owed
   □ Car  □ Truck  □ Boat  □ Campers / trailers  □ Motorcycles  □ RV  □ Other Vehicles

3. Has anyone in your household:
   • sold or given away property, land, vehicles, stock, bonds, savings, cash, checking, income, etc., closed any accounts or removed or added a name on any asset within 60 months?
     □ Yes  □ No  □ Who:
   • filed a pending lawsuit which may bring money, property, etc.?  □ Yes  □ No  □ Who:
   • received a one-time cash payment (such as worker’s compensation, lottery winnings, insurance settlement, lawsuit award, etc.) within the last 60 months?
     □ Yes  □ No  □ Who:
   • or has anyone acting for any household member, ever put any money, lawsuit settlement, income or assets in a trust, annuity or similar legal device?
     □ Yes  □ No  □ Who:

AFFIDAVIT

I swear or affirm that all the information that I have written on this form or told to a specialist is true. I understand that I can be prosecuted for perjury if I have intentionally given false information. I also know that I may be asked to show proof of any information I have given. I also know that if I have intentionally left out any information or if I have given false information, which causes me to receive assistance I am not entitled to or more assistance than I am entitled to, I can be prosecuted for fraud.

Signature (Patient or Representative)  Date (Month, Day, Year)

Two Witnesses Only
If Signed by Mark X  Signature of First Witness  Signature of Second Witness

NOTE: If you signed this application on behalf of someone else, complete the information below.

Name (First, Middle, Last)  Phone Number  Relationship to patient

Street Address  City  State  Zip Code
MEDICAID APPLICATION
Patient of Nursing Facility
State of Michigan
Department of Human Services

HELP IS AVAILABLE

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MUST HELP ALL PERSONS FILL OUT THE APPLICATION.
WHEN REQUESTED. IF YOU NEED HELP, PLEASE CALL OR VISIT YOUR SPECIALIST OR THE
OFFICE NAMED BELOW. IF YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER, THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ONE
FREE OF CHARGE OR YOU MAY USE ONE OF YOUR CHOICE. IF YOU ARE REFUSED HELP IN
FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION, YOU MAY CALL (517) 373-0707.

Do you need the Department to provide an interpreter to help you at the interview? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, what language? ____________________________

EL DÉPARTMENT DE HUMAN SERVICES DEBE AYUDAR
A TODAS LAS PERSONAS A COMPLETAR LA APLICACIÓN
CUANDO ASÍ LO PIDEN. SI UD. NECESITA AYUDA, POR
FAVOR LLAME O VISITE A SU ESPECIALISTA O LA OFICINA
QUE SE MENCIONA ABAJO. SI NECESITA UN INTERPRETE,
EL DÉPARTAMENTO LE PROPORCIONARÁ UNO GRATIS O UD.
PUEDE USAR UNO DE SU ELECCIÓN. SI UD. ES NEGADO
A UD.PARA COMPLETAR LA APLICACIÓN, PUEDE LLAMAR
AL (517) 373-0707.

¿Necesita que el Departamento proporcione un interprete
para que le ayude en la entrevista? ( ) si ( ) no
Si dice que sí, ¿en qué idioma?

Department of Human Services (DHS) no discrimina contra ningún
individuo o grupo a causa de su raza, sexo, religión, edad, origen nacional,
color de piel, estatura, peso, estado matrimonial, creencias políticas o
incapacidad. Si usted necesita ayuda para leer, escribir, oír, etc., bajo la
Acta de Americanos con Incapacidades, usted está invitado a hacer saber
sus necesidades a un oficina de DHS en su área.

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individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color,
height, weight, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help
with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities
Act, you are invited to make your needs known to a DHS office in your area.

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Note: This application requests information about the patient in the nursing facility. The words “You” and “Your” refer to the patient.

1. Patient's Name (First, Middle, Last)  
2. Name of Nursing Facility

3. Address of Nursing Facility  
   City  
   State  
   Zip Code

4. Phone No. of Nursing Facility  
5. County  
6. Birthdate  
7. Sex  
8. Social Security Number

9. Marital Status: □ Never married  
   □ Married  
   □ Separated  
   □ Divorced  
   □ Widowed

10. Date of Nursing Facility Admission  
11. Address where you lived before you entered the nursing facility

12. If married, tell us about your spouse and all persons living with your spouse.  
    If not married, tell us about your children under age 18 living in your home.

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If you have a court-appointed guardian/conservator, enter information below:

13. Name of Guardian/Conservator  
14. Phone Number  
15. Do you pay guardian/conservator expenses?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

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<th>Guardian's/Conservator's Address</th>
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14. Have you ever applied for or received assistance in Michigan?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

15. Have you received money or benefits such as Medical Assistance from another state in the last 30 days?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

16. Are you a U.S. citizen?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

17. Do you intend to stay in Michigan?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

18. Enter your racial heritage from codes below. If you are multiracial, you may enter all the codes that apply. (Answering is voluntary.)  
   I = American Indian, A = Alaskan Native, S = Asian, B = Black or African American, P = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, W = White

19. Check the box if your are Hispanic or Latino (Answering is voluntary).  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

20. Are you a veteran or the spouse, dependent or parent of a veteran?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

21. Do you have unpaid medical expenses for services provided in the last 3 months?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

22. Do you pay health insurance premiums?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

23. Do you have Medicare?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

24. Are you covered by a health, hospital, or long-term care insurance policy or were you covered in the last 3 months?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

25. Has a court ordered anyone to pay your medical expenses or provide health insurance for you?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

26. Have you had an accident or work-related illness or injury resulting in medical costs that may be paid by another person or an insurance company?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO

27. Have you set up a plan or entered into a contract, such as a life care contract, that will pay for your medical care?  
   □ YES  
   □ NO
28. **Assets**: Complete the **assets** section by providing the requested asset information for you and your spouse. List your assets and your spouse’s assets. Include assets you own jointly with family or other persons, including your spouse. Include assets your spouse owns jointly with you, family or other persons. Each item must be answered YES or NO. If answered YES, enter amount or current value and owner(s).

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<th>Type of Asset</th>
<th>YES</th>
<th>NO</th>
<th>Amount or Value</th>
<th>Owner(s) of Asset</th>
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<td>Tools and equipment, livestock or crops</td>
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<td>Funeral contracts</td>
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<td>Burial plot, casket, etc.</td>
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<td>Are there any other assets? (Please Explain)</td>
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**Checking/Draft Accounts — Savings/Share Accounts — Certificates of Deposit**

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29. Have you received a one-time cash payment in the last 36 months (3 years) such as an insurance settlement, lawsuit award, worker’s compensation, lottery winnings, etc.?  

30. Do you have a pending lawsuit that may bring property or money to you?  

31. Within the last 36 months (3 years) have you or a joint owner or other person whose name is also listed on the asset:
   - sold, give away, or transferred ownership in any asset such as those listed above?  
   - removed or added a name on any asset such as those listed above?  

32. Have you or someone acting for you ever put any money, income, lawsuit settlement or assets in a trust, annuity or similar device?  

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33. **Income**: Include income for yourself and everyone listed in question 12.

Is anyone employed or self-employed? □ YES □ NO. If YES, complete the following for each employed person.

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<th>Persons employed or self employed</th>
<th>Employer name</th>
<th>Wages before deductions</th>
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34. **This section is about your spouse's home. Skip if you are not married.**

Address where your spouse lives

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**Household Expenses**: Check YES or NO and write in the answer about your spouse's home.

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Do you and/or your spouse have a rent, mortgage or other shelter expense?

Do you and/or your spouse have the following expenses separate from rent or mortgage:

- Renter’s Insurance
- Property Taxes
- Mobile Home Lot Rent
- Special Assessments
- Homeowner’s Insurance
- Mortgage Guarantee Insurance
- Cooperative or Condominium Fee

Do you and/or your spouse have an obligation to pay for heat and/or utilities?
ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

Recovery of Medical Costs. I understand that when the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) pays the cost of hospital, surgical, or medical services, any right to recover costs from a third person or public or private contractor, except Medicare, is transferred to the MDCH. Payment of any recovery under such right is to be made directly to the State of Michigan — MDCH.

RELEASES

Social Security Information. I will allow the Social Security Administration to give to the Department of Human Services all information necessary to determine my eligibility for benefits under the Medicaid program until the second month following the expiration of my eligibility based on the current application.

Eligibility Information. I understand that the information I have provided will be used to determine my eligibility for Medicaid only and for purposes of administering the Medicaid program.

AFFIDAVIT

Under penalties of perjury, I swear that this application has been examined by or read to me, and, to the best of my knowledge, the facts are true and complete. If I am a third party applying on behalf of another person, I swear that this application has been examined by or read to the applicant, and, to the best of my knowledge, the facts are true and complete.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all information that I have written on this form or told to a specialist is true. I understand that I can be prosecuted for perjury if I have intentionally given false information. I also know that I may be asked to show proof of any information I have given. I also know that if I have intentionally left out any information or if I have given false information, which causes me to receive assistance I am not entitled to or more assistance that I am entitled to, I can be prosecuted for fraud. I understand I must report changes in income, assets or health insurance coverage to the department with 10 days of the change.

I you have any questions, contact your specialist or the local Department of Human Services before signing the application.

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION

I certify that I have received and reviewed a copy of the Acknowledgments that explains additional information about applying for and receiving Medicaid.

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<th>Signature (Patient or Representative)</th>
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If your sign this application on behalf of someone else, complete the information below.

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INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICAID

Rules may have changed since this was printed. Check with your local DHS office.

“You” and “Your” below refer to the patient. “We” means the Department of Human Services.

If you need help with past, unpaid medical expenses, Medicaid coverage may begin three months before you apply.

You can have Medicaid even if you are not a U.S. citizen. Coverage might be limited to just emergency services.

There are limits on the amount of income and assets you can have and be eligible for Medicaid.

Receiving Medicaid Services

You must tell all your providers (doctors, hospital, pharmacy, etc.) that you have applied for Medicaid before you receive any new medical services. Not all providers accept Medicaid. Choose a provider who does accept Medicaid.

You must give your medical provider a copy of your health card or approval letter as soon as it is received. This letter tells when your eligibility began. Your providers need this information to receive prompt payment for medical services provided to you. This information is also needed to issue you a refund if you pay for a Medicaid covered service between the date your Medicaid is approved as a result of your hearing request.

We might approve Medicaid for up to 3 months before you applied. If we do, ask your providers to bill Medicaid for any covered services you received during those months. If you paid for any of these bills before you received the approval letter, ask your health providers if they will refund your money and bill Medicaid. Providers are not required to do this, but many will.

Your providers must submit your bills to Medicaid within 12 months after the date you received the services. If they wait more than 12 months, then Medicaid may not pay the bill unless the delay in billing is because you had to file an appeal to get Medicaid benefits.

Income

You meet the income test if your income is not enough to pay your medical expenses. Usually you will pay part of your nursing facility expenses and Medicaid will pay the rest. If you have a spouse or children at home, a portion of your income might be protected for them.

We count income such as Social Security benefits, pensions, rent income and veterans benefits.

Assets

Countable assets must be at or below the $2,000 asset limit at least part of each month for which Medicaid is requested. If you have a spouse at home:

We count your assets and your spouse's assets initially. We protect a substantial amount of assets for your spouse. The remainder cannot exceed $2,000 for you to be eligible for Medicaid.

Once initial eligibility is established, we only count your assets. The asset limit is $2,000.

If your assets are more than the asset limit, you may become eligible for Medicaid if you use your excess assets to pay some of your medical bills, living expenses, or other debts. You may be asked to verify when and for what purposes you used your excess assets.

Medicaid might not pay for your care if you or your spouse transfer assets or income for less than fair market value. We look at transfers that occur up to 36 months (60 months for some trusts) before, or any time after, you first date of application for Medicaid while in a nursing facility.

Nursing Facility Eligibility (MDCH Publication 726) - explains eligibility for persons in or entering a nursing facility.

Department of Human Services (DHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to a DHS office in your area.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
State of Michigan
Department of Human Services

This is your copy of your rights and responsibilities as an applicant for or recipient of Medicaid benefits. By signing the application you acknowledge that you understood your rights and responsibilities and that you applied only for Medicaid. Otherwise, my hearing request will be denied.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

1. Recovery of Medical Costs. I understand that when the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) pays the cost of hospital, surgical, or medical services, any right to recover costs from a third person or public or private contractor, except Medicare, is transferred to the MDCH. Payment of any recovery under such right is to be made directly to the State of Michigan - MDCH.

2. Non-discrimination. I understand that if I believe I have been discriminated against because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, disability or political beliefs, I have the right to file a complaint with the: Regional Manager, Region V, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 233 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601, 800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 TDD.

3. Reporting Changes. I understand that the department needs to know about changes that may affect my Medicaid. I will tell the department of any changes within 10 days of the change. I understand that if I intentionally do not do this, I can be prosecuted for fraud or perjury.

The types of changes that MUST be reported are:

- Receipt of or increase in income such as social security, veterans benefits, railroad retirement, pensions, retirement, disability or sick benefits.
- Discharge or move from the nursing facility to another living arrangement.
- Changes in health or hospital insurance coverage or amount of premiums.
- Any accident or work-related illness or injury where medical costs may be paid by another person or an insurance company.
- Another person or an insurance company has agreed to pay my medical expenses or is ordered to by the court.
- Receipt of a sum of money.
- Receipt of an inheritance, bank account, or other property or income from or on behalf of another person.

If you have any doubt about whether you should report a change in circumstances, ask your local Department of Human Services.

4. Hearings. I understand that if I do not agree with any decision made on any matter concerning my case, I have the right to ask for an Administrative Hearing. I understand that I can ask for information about an Administrative Hearing by calling my local Department of Human Services.

I understand that if I want someone else to request a hearing for me or represent me in a hearing, that person must first have written authorization to do so unless that person is my attorney or my spouse. The Department of Human Services Administrative Hearings must have one of the following:

- my original signed statement authorizing the person to request a hearing, or
- a copy of the court order naming the person as my guardian or conservator.

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5. Repayment of Benefits. I understand that if I receive more benefits than I am entitled to receive, through my fault, I may have to repay and extra benefits.

6. Immigration Status. I understand that, as part of determining my eligibility for Medicaid, information about me may be submitted to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services in order to verify my immigration status.

7. Investigations. I understand that my application might be one of those chosen for a complete investigation and a Department of Human Services representative might call on me and might contact other people in order to verify my eligibility for assistance.

8. Computer Cross-checking. I understand that, as part of determining my eligibility for Medicaid, information I give on this application will be verified by computer cross-checking with other public and private agencies.

Wages reported by my employer(s) to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth will be checked against wage information I report to the Department of Human Services. My Social Security Number will be used to check this information. Through-out the year, my Social Security Number will also be checked with other sources such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Unemployment Compensation and the Social Security Administration concerning income or assets.

The information obtained through this cross-checking may be verified through collateral contact when discrepancies are found. The information may affect both my eligibility for the level of my benefits.

9. Medical Information. By signing this application, I understand that the Department of Human Services and Michigan Department of Community Health, may get and use* necessary medical information about me or any of my wards or my minor children including any information relative to HIV, ARC or AIDS if applicable. This information will only be obtained and used as necessary to determine eligibility for a specific program or for other program administration purposes.

*Some examples of uses are with auditors, caregivers, etc. State law (MCL 333.5131 (8)) provides that a person who shares HIV, ARC or AIDS information except as authorized by this release or by law may be found "guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than $5,000.00, or both, and is liable in a civil action for actual damages or $1,000.00, whichever is greater, and costs and reasonable attorney fees."

10. Social Security Information. I will allow the Social Security Administration to give to the Department of Human Services all information necessary to determine my right to benefits under Medicaid until the second month following the expiration of my eligibility based on the current application.

11. Eligibility Information. I understand that the information I have provided will be used to determine my eligibility for Medicaid only and for purposes of administering the Medicaid Program.
# Verification Checklist

Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS)

We need your help to determine your eligibility for:  
☐ Family Independence Program,  
☐ Child Development & Care,  
☐ State Disability Assistance,  
☐ Medical Assistance,  
☐ Food Assistance Program,  
☐ SER,  
☐ Other: ________________________________________________________

**To help us, please:**  
☐ Complete and return the enclosed application.  
☐ Bring checked proofs to your interview, return by mail, or bring to DHS.  
☐ Attend an interview on ___________________________________________ at ________________________________________________________  
☐ ______________ [must also come to the interview]  
☐ ______________________________________________________________

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## Personal and Medical Records

- Drivers license/ID card(s) for ____________________________
- Social Security card(s) for ____________________________
- Health insurance card(s) for ____________________________
- Proof of school attendance (DHS-3380) ____________________________
- Proof of immigration/alien status for ____________________________
- Copy of court papers on divorce, separation or child support.  
- Paternity acknowledgment for ____________________________
- DHS-1201, Non-FIP Child Support Services Application  
- DHS-4578, Child Care Education Verification  
- DHS-4575, Child Care Family Preservation Need Verification  
- DHS-4025, Child Care Provider Verification  
- DHS-220-A, Day Care Aide Provider Application  
- DHS-220-R, Relative Care Provider Application  
- Proof of pregnancy and expected date of delivery  
- DHS-54-A, Medical Needs  
- DHS-49, Medical Examination Report

## Asset Records

- Current (within last 30 days) bank statements for all savings, checking, and money market accounts (DHS-20, Verification of Assets.)  
- Títulos a cars, trucks, snowmobiles, campers, boats, farm equipment, motorcycles, trailers, etc., that you own or are buying  
- Records of any assets sold or transferred in the last 60 months  
- Proof of current status of pending lawsuit(s)  
- Statement from a nursing home of money held for you  
- Copy of original trust papers and any changes made  
- Proof of current value and availability of: stocks, bonds, notes, saving certificates, annuities, IRA or 401K accounts.  
- Records of all mortgages or land contracts you hold  
- Life Insurance – proof of ownership, face value, and current cash surrender value (DHS-4786, Life Insurance Verification)  
- Burial accounts or contracts  
- Bring/send records for all assets that you have

## Income Records

- Proof of the Amount Received:
  - DHS-38, Verification of Employment Income  
  - Paycheck stubs for ____________________________
  - Records of self employment income and expenses (DHS-431) for ____________________________
  - Income from renters, roomers, and/or boarders  
  - Unemployment Compensation (DHS-32, UCB Information Request)  
  - Child support or alimony for ____________________________
  - Military allotment  
  - Social Security/Supplemental Security Income (RSDI/SSI)  
  - Veterans Benefits  
  - Pension/Retirement Income  
  - Sick pay, Workers Compensation or disability benefits  
  - Tribal Gaming Revenue (casino profit sharing)  
  - Bring/send records of all income that you have

## Household Expenses

- DHS-3688, Shelter Verification  
- Current proof of rent, mortgage or land contract payments  
- Property tax and insurance bills on your home for past year  
- Current bills or receipts for gas, electricity, sewage and water, garbage removal, telephone  
- Current medical or child care bills or receipts  
- Health or medical insurance premium proof  
- Child support expenses – court order and proof of payment  
- Other

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VERIFICATION OF ASSETS
State of Michigan Department of Human Services

**AUTHORIZATION:** You are hereby authorized to release the information requested below to the Department of Human Services.

**AUTORIZACION:** Usted está autorizado a dar la información pedida más abajo a Department of Human Services.

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Signature of Client or Client’s Representative  Date

To determine eligibility for assistance it is necessary to verify assets owned by the person named below, either alone or jointly with other persons. If the account is joint, please list the names of the account members.

Please provide current information on the person indicated below. Also, please report on accounts closed within the past 36 months. A stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed for return of the completed form. Thank you.

Authorized Signature

**County Department of Human Services**

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**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPECIALIST**

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<tr>
<th>Name (Type or Print)</th>
<th>Social Security Number</th>
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<td>Present Address (Number/Street)</td>
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<td>Previous Address (Number/Street)</td>
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**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**

**NOTE:** Please Report on Closed Accounts if Closed Within Past 36 Months

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<th>Savings/Share Account</th>
<th>Certificate of Deposit</th>
<th>Checking/Draft Account</th>
<th>Long-Term Care Patient Trust Fund</th>
<th>Prepaid Burial Account</th>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>8. Is There a Trust Fund?</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>9. For Each Joint Account List</td>
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<td>Account Members:</td>
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<td>11. For Each Loan Application Within Past 36 Months List:</td>
<td>Account Number</td>
<td>Type (e.g., Auto, Home)</td>
<td>Current Balance</td>
<td>If collateral was used attach a copy of the loan application</td>
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**AUTHORITY:** P.A., 280 of 1939.

**COMPLETION:** Required

**PENALTY:** Inability to determine eligibility for public assistance

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LIFE INSURANCE VERIFICATION
State of Michigan
Department of Human Services

Grantee Name
Grantee Client ID
Case Number

County District Section Unit Specialist Date

Specialist's Name County Phone

AUTHORITY: PA 260 of 1939
COMPLETION: Required
PENALTY: Inability to determine eligibility for assistance.

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You are authorized to release information to the Department of Human Services.

Signature of Client or Representative Date

INSTRUCTIONS
The person identified in Part I below says he/she has life insurance or an endowment policy through your agency or company. Please provide the information requested in Part II regarding the policy(ies) this person has. Please return in the enclosed envelope by . Thank you for your cooperation.

PART I

Person's Name Date of Birth

Address (No. and Street, Apt., etc.) City State Zip Code

Policy Number(s) Reported to Us:

TO BE COMPLETED BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

PART II

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<tr>
<th>First Policy</th>
<th>Second Policy</th>
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<td>Type of Policy</td>
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<td>Date of Policy</td>
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<td>Owner's Name</td>
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<td>Has ownership changed so that funds go toward insured's funeral expenses?</td>
<td>YES NO</td>
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<td>If yes, please include copy of transfer document and funeral contract.</td>
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<td>Insured's name</td>
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<td>Face Value when purchased</td>
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<td>Does this policy accumulate a cash surrender value?</td>
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<td>Cash Surrender Value (amount policy owner would receive if cashed out policy)</td>
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Your Signature Title
Phone Date

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RETROACTIVE MEDICAID APPLICATION
State of Michigan
Department of Human Services

**AUTHORITY:** Federal 42 CFR 435.
**COMPLETION:** Voluntary.

**PENALTY:** No medical coverage will be authorized.

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1. My family has unpaid medical bills for the month(s) of:

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<th>First Month</th>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Second Month</th>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Third Month</th>
<th>Month</th>
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2. List yourself and the name of each family member who lived with you at any time during the first month. Check yes if the person has unpaid medical expenses this month.

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<th>YES</th>
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3. Was a family member(s) in a hospital, nursing home, or away from home on the last day of the first month? YES NO

If YES, enter name of family member(s):

4. Explain any changes during the first month (child born, family member left or returned home, married, divorced, died, began or ended pregnancy, began or quit work) and indicate date of change.

5. Was any family member employed or self-employed in any of the months listed in question 1? YES NO

If YES, complete the following:

**First Month**

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<th>Total monthly earned income before deductions</th>
<th>Names of children receiving child care due to employment</th>
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6. Did any family member pay child support in any of the months listed in question 1? YES NO

If YES, complete the following:

**First Month**

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7. Did any family member pay guardianship/conservator expenses in any of the months listed in question 1? YES NO

If YES, who pays?

8. Did any family member pay guardianship/conservator expenses in any of the months listed in question 1? YES NO

If YES, who pays?

**INCOME:** (Questions 5-7) For each month applied for, attach proof of all income received. Attach copy of court order(s) for child support paid.
### 8. OTHER INCOME: Include income of all family members. Each item must be answered YES or NO.

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<th>INCOME TYPE</th>
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### 9. ASSETS: Include assets of all family members. Each item must be answered YES or NO. Attach proof of asset value for each retro month applied for.

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I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION I HAVE WRITTEN ON THIS FORM IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature       Date       Signature of Spouse       Date
I am reviewing your application for Medicaid. A final decision has not been made yet. You will be sent a written notice as soon as the final decision is made.

If your application is approved, you will probably have to pay part of the cost of your nursing facility care each month that you are eligible for Medicaid. We deduct the following from your income to determine how much you must pay each month toward your care:

- $60 for your personal needs
- Health insurance premiums you pay
- Guardianship or conservator fees and expenses

Your tentative patient pay amount is

If your application is not approved, Medicaid will not pay any part of your medical expenses.

Medicaid may not pay any of the cost of nursing facility care if it is determined that you do not have a medical need for nursing facility care. You will receive a separate notice if this determination is made.

For more information about Medicaid for nursing facility patients, ask for MDCH Publication 726, Nursing Facility Eligibility. It is available at all DHS offices and most nursing facilities.

Please remember that you (or whoever is acting on your behalf) must notify me within 10 days of any change in your situation. Report discharge or move from the nursing facility and changes in income, assets, health insurance coverage and amount of premiums, and medical expenses.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Specialist ________________________________  
Telephone ________________________________  
Office Hours: ________________________________  
County Department of Human Services ________________________________  

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MEDICAL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY NOTICE
Michigan Department of Human Services

This is about your Medicaid spend-down case. Please read pages 1 and 2 of this notice carefully. This notice applies to the following person(s):

The information next to the box(es) checked(\s) applies to you. Disregard the information next to the boxes that are not checked.

APPROVALS - You are eligible for: ☐ MEDICAID

1. ☐ Beginning

2. ☐ For

3. ☐ You are eligible for emergency and urgent care services only.

4. ☐ You may be required to pay all of the cost of long-term care services because of restrictions on long-term care payments explained below. Otherwise, you must pay the following amount(s) toward the cost of your hospital/long-term care.

   $ ______ per month beginning ________

   $ ______ for ________; $ ______ for ________; $ ______ for ________.

5. ☐ Medicaid will not pay for long-term care and home and community-based waiver services from ________ through ________ because you or your spouse transferred assets or income for less than their value. Notify your specialist if you are denied emergency care because of this penalty.

6. ☐ You (and your spouse, if any) must pay $ ______ per month to your personal care provider beginning ________.

7. ☐ Medicaid will only pay your Medicare Part A, Hospital Insurance, premiums. You will not receive a mihealth card.

8. ☐ Your new specialist is

   Specialist's Name

   Telephone number

Medicaid may not pay any of the cost of long-term care if it is determined that you do not have a medical need for long-term care. You will receive a separate notice if this determination is made. Also see the restriction in 5 above if that box is checked.

DENIALS - You are not eligible for: ☐ MEDICAID

The reason(s) is:

☐ This denial applies to the month(s) of ________.

MESSAGE:

Manual Policy Reference(s): PEM
                                 PAM

If your application is being reprocessed for assistance if your circumstances change.

If you do not understand the information in this notice, please contact me immediately. If you wish, you may meet with my manager and me to discuss the action(s) taken.

Signature of Specialist

Telephone Number
If you are eligible for Medicaid, your plastic mihhealth card will be mailed to you within a few days. You must present the card each time an eligible person listed on the card requests medical services. The card may be used only for the eligible person whose name is listed on the card. The use of the card to obtain services for other persons is fraud. Never throw your card away. Use the same card every month as long as you receive benefits.

REPORTING CHANGES

It is your responsibility (or the responsibility of the person acting in your behalf) to notify this office within 10 days of any changes in your circumstances which may affect your eligibility for Medicaid, or other medical programs. Such changes include changes in employment, income, assets and health insurance premiums for you or members of your family, the number of persons living in your home, and change of address. Failure to report changes may make you liable to penalties provided by law for fraud.

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING A HEARING

If you believe this action is illegal, you may request a hearing within 90 days of the date of this notice. A hearing request must be made IN WRITING and signed by you or an authorized person. You may choose anyone to represent you. If you want someone else to request a hearing for you or represent you at the hearing, that person must first have written authorization to do so unless that person is your spouse or attorney. DHS Administrative Hearings must have proof that you have authorized the person to request the hearing or a copy of the court order naming the person as your guardian or conservator. Otherwise, your hearing request will be denied.

Complete the "Request for Hearing" section below or any other written request. State that you want a hearing on the decision made by the Agency and briefly explain your reasons. Send your written request to your local DHS office.

If you want to know more about how a fair hearing works or to find out if free legal help is available, contact your local DHS office.

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**REQUEST FOR HEARING**

Michigan Department of Human Services

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete items 11 through 22 below. Please type or print. DELIVER OR MAIL completed form to your local DHS office, Attn: Hearings Coordinator. A date-stamped copy will be returned to you by the local office.

Esta forma se usa para solicitar una audiencia con un juez de ley administrativa cuando usted no está de acuerdo con una decisión que se hizo tocante a su caso. Si usted no entiende esta forma o necesita ayuda para completarla, comuníquese con el Department of Human Services en su área al número de teléfono indicado en esta forma.

**AUTHORITY:** 42 CFR; and Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended.
**RESPONSE:** Voluntary.
**PENALTY:** None

11. I request an administrative hearing before an Administrative Law Judge regarding the decision of Department of Human Services. Following are my reasons for requesting a hearing:

   (Attach a separate sheet, if necessary.)

   By my signature below, I acknowledge that I understand that if a proposed action is not taken because I have requested a hearing and the Department's proposed action is upheld, or if I later agree that the Department's proposed action was correct and withdraw my hearing request, or if I do not appear for the hearing, then I will be required to repay any assistance which I would not have received if I had not asked for a hearing.

12. Do you have physical or other conditions requiring special arrangements for you to attend or participate in a hearing?
   
   [ ] Yes  [ ] No

13. Signature of Person Requesting Hearing

14. Telephone Number

15. Date

16. Street Address or Route Number

17. City, State, and Zip Code

18. Name of Representative

19. Title

20. Telephone Number

21. Street Address or Route Number

22. City, State, and Zip Code

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INITIAL ASSET ASSESSMENT NOTICE
State of Michigan
Family Independence Agency

Grantee Name

Grantee Client ID

Case Number

County  District  Section  Unit  Specialist

Date

The Family Independence Agency will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to an FIA office in your county.

AUTHORITY: 42 USC 1396
PENALTY: None.
COMPLETION: Voluntary.

Please read pages 1 and 2 of this notice carefully.

This notice explains:

- The amount of assets which may be kept by the patient’s spouse.
- How we calculated that amount.
- The amount of assets which may be kept by the patient.

PROTECTED SPOUSAL AMOUNT

The amount of assets which may be kept by the patient’s spouse is $ ____________ . The patient may keep $2,000 in assets while on Medicaid.

Special Note: If all the patient wants is help paying Medicare premiums, coinsurances and deductibles, the patient may keep $4,000 in assets instead of $2,000.

The amount protected for the patient’s spouse is one-half of the Initial Asset Assessment Amount (see below) but not less than $ __________________ or more than $ __________________ .

INITIAL ASSET ASSESSMENT AMOUNT

The Initial Asset Assessment Amount is the value of the assets owned by the patient and spouse on the first day of the first continuous period of care that began on or after September 30, 1989. A continuous period of care is a period of at least 30 consecutive days where the patient has been, or is expected to be, in a hospital, in a nursing home or approved for the home and community-based services waiver. This date was ________________ . Only assets countable under Medicaid policy were considered.

The Initial Asset Assessment Amount is $ __________________ .

Attached is a list of assets counted for the Initial Asset Assessment Amount and the value assigned each asset. We have enclosed a copy of the documentation used in computing the Initial Asset Assessment Amount.

Signature of Specialist Taking Action

Telephone Number

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APPENDIX I
Hearing Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the Initial Asset Assessment Amount or Protected Spousal Amount, you will have the right to request a hearing. You may request a hearing only after you have actually applied for Medicaid. The deadline for requesting a hearing will be 90 days from the date of our notice regarding the patient’s Medicaid eligibility.

A hearing request must be IN WRITING and signed by the applicant, his or her spouse, or an authorized person. You may choose anyone to represent you. However, if you want someone else to request a hearing for you or represent you at the hearing, that person must have written authorization to do so unless that person is your attorney. FIA Administrative Hearings must have proof that you authorized the person to request the hearing or a copy of the court order naming the person as your guardian or conservator. Otherwise, your hearing request will be denied.

If you want to know more about how a fair hearing works or to find out if free legal help is available in your area, contact your local Family Independence Agency office.

Please read the front and back of this notice carefully.

All assets owned by both the patient and spouse were evaluated to determine the patient’s eligibility for Medicaid.

This notice explains how much of the patient’s assets may need to be transferred to the spouse so that the patient may continue getting Medicaid.

The patient’s countable assets must be at or below the Medicaid asset limit of $2,000 at the end of one year.

Special Note: The Medicaid asset limit is $4,000 instead of $2,000 if the patient’s Medicaid coverage is limited to paying Medicare premiums, coinsurances and deductibles.

The patient has one year to complete the transfer of assets to the spouse. This period will not be extended if the amount that needs to be transferred changes. At the end of one year, the value of assets the patient owns must be at or below the Medicaid asset limit for the patient to remain eligible for Medicaid. If the value of the patient’s assets increases or if the patient receives new assets during the year, these additional assets may also need to be transferred before the one-year period ends. Be sure to read the Special Rules on the back about the one-year period.

Use the Community Spouse Resource Allowance shown below to help decide how much to transfer to the patient’s spouse.

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\text{The protected spousal amount} = \text{Community Spouse Resource Allowance} - \text{the spouse’s assets}
\]

The Initial Asset Assessment Notice sent to the patient and spouse explains how we calculated the protected spousal amount. The attached Initial Assessment and Asset Record shows the calculations we made and an itemized list of the patient’s and spouse’s countable assets.

If you have any questions, talk to your caseworker.


Name of Specialist Taking Action

Date

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APPENDIX J
Special Rules

Special rules about assets were used to determine eligibility for Medicaid. These rules apply because the patient is in a hospital, in a nursing home or approved for the home and community-based services waiver and has a spouse at home.

We will review the patient’s Medicaid eligibility when we stop applying these special rules. We will stop applying these special asset rules at the end of the one-year period. We will stop sooner if any of the following happen:

- Patient’s spouse enters a hospital or nursing home or is approved for the home and community-based services waiver for at least 30 consecutive days.
- Patient leaves the hospital or nursing home for at least 30 consecutive days or the home and community-based services waiver terminates for at least 30 consecutive days.
- Patient’s spouse dies.
- Patient gets a divorce.

You must report any such change within 10 days of the change.

Transfers

Spouses may transfer any assets between themselves. The patient and spouse may transfer any assets to the patient’s blind or disabled child.

There are restrictions on what the patient and spouse may transfer to others.

For more information, ask for MDCH Publication 726, “Nursing Home Eligibility”.

Request for Hearing

If you are dissatisfied with the Agency’s determination, you may request a hearing within 90 days of the date of this notice. A hearing request must be in writing and signed by the patient, his or her spouse, or an authorized person. You may choose anyone to represent you. However, if you want someone else to request a hearing for you or represent you at the hearing, that person must first have written authorization to do so unless that person is your attorney. FIA Administrative Hearings must have proof that you authorized the person to request the hearing or a copy of the court order naming the person as your guardian or conservator. Otherwise, your hearing request will be denied.

Mail or bring your hearing request to the Hearings Coordinator at your local Family Independence Agency office.

If you want to know more about how a fair hearing works or to find out if free legal help is available, contact your local Family Independence Agency office.
INTENT TO CONTRIBUTE INCOME
Michigan Department of Social Services

Instructions to Patient:

Read the Community Spouse and Family Income Allowance Notice first.

Complete this form, sign it, date it and return it to your local Department of Social Services office within 10 days from the date above.

Check the appropriate box to tell us what you intend to do. Fill in the dollar amount if you check the third box.

☐ I intend to make the entire amount of the Community Spouse Income Allowance available to my spouse each month.

☐ My income is not enough to contribute the entire amount of the Community Spouse Income Allowance. Therefore, I intend to contribute all my income except for money for my personal needs.

☐ I intend to make only $________ of the Community Spouse Income Allowance available to my spouse each month.

☐ I do NOT intend to make any money available to my spouse.

I understand that the amount I intend to contribute to my spouse is deducted from my income in determining what I must pay towards the cost of my care in a long-term care facility or hospital.

Signature of Patient or Authorized Representative

Date

Two witnesses if signed by Mark X

Signature of First Witness

Signature of Second Witness

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AREA AGENCIES ON AGING
COUNTIES OR CITIES SERVED

Area Agency on Aging 1-B

29100 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 400
Southfield, MI 48034 (248) 357-2255
Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw

Area Agency on Aging of Northwest MI, Inc.

1609 Park Drive
P.O. Box 5946
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Area Agency on Aging of Western MI, Inc.

1279 Cedar NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 456-5664
 Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola

Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging

570 Marshall Road
Coldwater, MI 49036 (517) 278-2538
Branch, St. Joseph County
Detroit Area Agency on Aging

1333 Brewery Park Blvd, Suite 200
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102 N. Main Street
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Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee

Region 3-A Area Agency on Aging

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Kalamazoo County

Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging

200 West Michigan Avenue, Suite 100
Battle Creek, MI 49017 (269) 966-2450

Barry, Calhoun

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2900 Lakeview Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085 (269) 983-0177

Berrien, Cass and Van Buren
Region IX Area Agency on Aging
Northeast MI Community Services Agency, Inc.

2375 Gordon Road
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Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency. Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon

Region VII Area Agency On Aging

1615 S. Euclid Ave
Bay City, MI 48706 (989) 893-4506

Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola

Senior Resources

560 Seminole Road
Muskegon, MI 49444 (231) 739-5858

Muskegon, Oceana and Ottawa

The Senior Alliance, Inc.

3850 Second Street, Suite 201
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Wayne County except for cities covered by Detroit Area Agency on Aging
**Tri-County Office on Aging**

5303 South Cedar Street  
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(517) 887-1440  
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**U.P. Area Agency on Aging**  
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(906) 786-4701  
Counties in the Upper Peninsula

**Valley Area Agency on Aging**

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Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee
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Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties

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Burnham Brook Center/AAA IIIB

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APPENDIX N
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