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Subject: Asset Limits for Group 2 Caretaker Relatives and Group 2 Persons Under Age 21

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Programs Affected: Medicaid

The purpose of this bulletin is to implement requirements set forth in Section 1731(1) of Public Act 154 of 2005, the Michigan Department of Community Health budget appropriations bill.

Group 2 Caretaker Relatives (Group 2 CTR) and the Group 2 Persons Under Age 21 (Group 2 Under 21) FIP-related MA categories will have an asset test beginning May 1, 2006. Currently, there is no asset test for these categories.

In 1996, Medical Assistance was separated from Public Assistance. With this separation, FIP-related MA programs no longer require an asset test, with the exception of LIF (Low Income Families). The new asset policy for Group 2 CTR and Group 2 Under 21 will follow the asset policy for LIF. The only assets considered for LIF, and now for Group 2 CTR and Group 2 Under 21 are:

- Cash (checking and savings accounts)
- Investments
- Retirement plans
- Trusts

The asset limit is \$3,000 combined total from the above list.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Program Eligibility Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Eligibility Policy, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30479, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7979 or e-mail EligibilityPolicy@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll free 1-800-292-2550.

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