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April 17, 2013

Stephen Fitton, Medicaid Director  
Medical Services Administration  
Federal Liaison Unit  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
400 South Pine  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

ATTN: Loni Hackney

Dear Mr. Fitton:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

- Transmittal: #13-005 Home Maintenance
- Effective: January 1, 2013

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Campbell at (312) 353-1557 or [Leslie.Campbell@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Leslie.Campbell@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*Ala Freund*, acting

Verlon Johnson  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>13 - 05</b>	2. STATE: <b>Michigan</b>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2013	

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR  
HEALTH FINANCING ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 435.832(d) 42 CFR 435.725(d)	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2012 \$ 0 b. FFY 2013 \$ 0
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 2.6-A, Page 5	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 2.6-A, Page 5

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  
This amendment changes the amount allowed for home maintenance from a fixed dollar amount to an amount that is tied to the Federal SSI benefit rate.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED      Stephen Fitton, Director  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL      Medical Services Administration

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:  
*Stephen Fitton*

13. TYPED NAME:  
Stephen Fitton

14. TITLE:  
Director, Medical Services Administration

15. DATE SUBMITTED:  
March 29, 2013

16. RETURN TO:  
Medical Services Administration  
Actuarial Division  
Capitol Commons Center - 7th Floor  
400 South Pine Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Attn: Loni Hackney

**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

17. DATE RECEIVED: March 29, 2013	18. DATE APPROVED: April 17, 2013
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: January 1, 2013	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: <i>Alan Freund</i>
21. TYPE NAME: Alan Freund	22. TITLE: Acting Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of MICHIGAN

Eligibility Conditions and Requirements

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Condition or Requirement</u>
	B. Post-Eligibility Treatment of Institutionalized Individuals (continued)
	3. For children, each family member:
	AFDC level \$ _____
	Medically needy level \$ <u>see Supplement 1</u>
	Other as follows \$ _____
	4. Amounts for incurred medical expenses not subject to payment by a third party:
	a. Health insurance premiums, deductibles and co-insurance charges;
	b. Necessary medical or remedial care not covered under the Medicaid plan (Reasonable limits on amounts are described in Supplement 3 to Attachment 2.6-A).
	5. An amount for maintenance of a single individual's home (includes apartments) for not longer than 6 months, if a physician has certified he or she is likely to return home within that period.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Amount for maintenance of home <del>\$698</del> TO EQUAL THE FEDERAL SSI BENEFIT RATE per month
	<input type="checkbox"/> No
1902(1) of the Act	6. SSI benefits paid under section 1611(e)(1)(E) and (G) of the Act to individuals who receive care in a hospital or NF.

TN NO.: 13-05

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: 01/01/2013Supersedes  
TN No.: 12-07

Michigan Department of Community Health  
Program Policy  
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Michigan Department  
of Community Health



Rick Snyder, Governor  
James K. Haveman, Director

January 29, 2013

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Dear Provider:

**RE:** Special Director Exception

Effective January 1, 2013 the Special Director Exception is no longer processed as an exception through the Department of Community Health (DCH). This process is being replaced by a Patient Pay Amount (PPA) income disregard titled the Home Maintenance Disregard.

The Home Maintenance Disregard will be administered by eligibility specialists within the Department of Human Services (DHS). This change will streamline the process for requesting a reduction to the PPA for home maintenance expenses while allowing the disregard itself to be more automated compared to the current manual process. Therefore, the Medicaid beneficiary will now request the disregard through their eligibility specialist instead of DCH. DCH staff will no longer process, approve, or implement deductions to the PPA as all of these functions will be carried out by DHS eligibility specialists.

With this change, it is no longer necessary to provide a DCH-1183, authorization to release protected health information. The criteria for a reduction to the PPA for home maintenance expenses did not change with the implementation of this new process. The reduction to the PPA begins the first month an individual is eligible for and receiving Medicaid as a long term care resident.

The following criteria must still be met to qualify for the disregard:

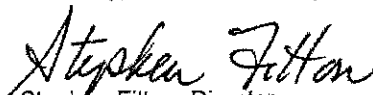
- A physician certifies that the individual is medically likely to return home from the nursing facility within six months of the date of admission to the facility, if eligible for Medicaid at the time of admission, or within six months of becoming eligible for Medicaid if eligibility is established subsequent to admission.
- The request is being made for an individual who is currently Medicaid eligible and responsible for a patient pay amount.
- The request is being made for an individual who is currently residing in a nursing facility.
- The request is being made by the Medicaid beneficiary or an individual authorized to act on behalf of the beneficiary.
- The individual is not receiving a community spouse or family allowance income disregard.
- The individual has a legal obligation to pay home maintenance expenses and has provided proof of the expenses.

Home maintenance expenses include, rent or mortgage payments, gas, electric, water, home owners or renters insurance and property taxes for the home.

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As with current policy and processes, Medical expenses, credit card statements, car payments or insurance, satellite television, and wireless telephone bills are not allowable home maintenance expenses. Proof of these expenses is not necessary for the disregard to be considered so please do not include them in any requests for a home maintenance disregard to the PPA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Filton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "F".

Stephen Filton, Director  
Medical Services Administration