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Subject: Increase to Guardian/Conservator Income Deduction

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Programs Affected: Group 2 Under 21, Caretaker Relative, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Related Medicaid

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) may deduct up to \$83 per month as an allowable expense against a beneficiary's income when determining medical services eligibility and patient pay amounts if the beneficiary pays a court appointed guardian/conservator. The fee must be verified as paid by a fiscal group member.

Guardianship/conservator expenses include:

- Basic fee
- Mileage
- Other costs of performing guardianship/conservator duties

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments in writing to:

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If responding by e-mail, please include "Increase to Guardian/Conservator Income Deduction" in the subject line.

Comments received will be considered for revisions to the change implemented by this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Bridges Eligibility Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@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.

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director
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