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**Subject:** Initial Asset Assessments (IAA) and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Eligibility

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**Programs Affected:** PACE Waiver

The purpose of this policy is to update the BEM to include specific directions for processing the Initial Asset Assessment for potential participants in PACE. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is adding the Initial Asset Assessment language to ensure comparable treatment of individual PACE applicants across the state as PACE expands.

Under federal community spousal impoverishment rules for the Extended Care category of Medicaid, the assets of the couple must be calculated on the first day of continuous care, which is defined as the first day one of the members of the couple entered a facility and has either stayed 30 consecutive days or is expected to stay 30 consecutive days. Because there is no first day of a facility stay under PACE, the date has been set as the date the program agent has completed a medical evaluation and approved the individual for the program. This is comparable to the treatment of the Initial Asset Assessment under other waivers in the state of Michigan.

### **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](mailto: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.

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