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**Programs Affected:** PACE Program

Effective April 1, 2021, the PACE program will apply Medicaid divestment policy to applicants and participants in the PACE program as permitted under section 1917(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act. Medicaid divestment policy is found in the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 405, MA Divestment.

As defined in BEM 405, divestment is the transfer of resources within a specific timeframe (called the lookback period) and the transfer is for less than fair market value. Under Medicaid divestment policy, the Medicaid program will not pay for long term care (LTC) services, home and community-based services, home help, or home health during a divestment penalty period.

The PACE divestment policy applies to all new PACE applicants as of April 1, 2021 and any transfers made by current PACE participants on or after April 1, 2021.

### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Bridges Eligibility Manual 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-mailed to [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). Communications should include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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