

Michigan Department of Community Health

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Subject: Medicaid Eligibility Policy Updates

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Programs Affected: SSI-Related MA Programs (ADCare, Extended Care, etc.)

Changes to Medicaid Eligibility policy is as follows:

- ◆ Several procedures for determining MA eligibility have been updated to bring worker relief in the local offices. MA groups who also receive Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits, which are assigned a 24-month benefit period, are permitted to use the FAP mid-certification contact information to complete a MA eligibility review.
- ◆ Contracts for pre-paid funerals are to be completed by the client and the funeral home before returning to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for certification of irrevocability.
- ◆ Information was added regarding treatment of limited liability corporations (LLC) relative to eligibility and divestment. This is new policy as there was no discussion of LLCs in previous policy.
- ◆ Information from the Social Security Administration has changed regarding the tentative identification of a Disabled Adult Child (DAC) beneficiary.
- ◆ As a maintenance measure, contact information for the Trust Unit and 2009 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) for divestment penalty calculations will be updated.

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 "April Policy Changes" 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 has been incorporated into the Program Eligibility Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, 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 "Stephen Fitton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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