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**Distribution:** Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

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**Subject:** Guardianship/Conservator Fee

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**Programs Affected:** Group 2 under 21, Caretaker Relative, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-related Medicaid

**NOTE: Implementation of this policy is contingent upon approval of a State Plan Amendment by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).**

Currently, a Medicaid beneficiary who pays a court-ordered guardian or conservator is allowed a \$95 per month income disregard when determining medical assistance eligibility and patient pay amounts. This policy decreases the disregard to \$83 per month, as required by Public Act 207 of 2018, section 1606.

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 "Guardianship/Conservator Fee" 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](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.

### **Approved**

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Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director  
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