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The purpose of this bulletin is to publish updated Medicaid program policy information in the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) for use by the Department of Human Services (DHS) local office specialists. These updates have already been promulgated by various Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) specialists. Some updates are technical changes.

These updates include:

- An update to the terminology in the MI Choice waiver item as well as the addition of websites to the agents' contact information (BEM 106). The agencies are now called Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans, and the term Care Plan has been replaced by the term Plan of Service.
- Removed divestment policy in the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) (BEM 167). There has never been divestment policy for the PACE program.
- Annual update of the homestead equity limit for long term care payment by Medicaid (BEM 400).
- An update to the Benefits Monitoring contact information (BAM 402) to include new phone numbers and email addresses.
- An update to transportation policy to indicate that individuals approved retroactively for Medicaid, or retroactively disenrolled from a health plan should bill to Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid (BAM 825).
- Returning coverage information for pregnant women with deductibles to the manual. This information was included in the older manual versions but failed to migrate to the new publication platform. The omitted policy addresses when a pregnant woman is considered to have met her deductible and when her coverage under Medicaid begins. Pregnant women are usually considered to have met their deductible for their entire pregnancy at the first office visit to their provider (BEM 126 and BEM 545).

## Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the Bridges Eligibility Manual and the Bridges Administrative 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](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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