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Programs Affected: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Categories

Medicaid provides medical assistance to individuals and families who meet the Medicaid financial and nonfinancial eligibility factors. The goal of the program is to ensure essential health care services are available to those who otherwise would not have the financial resources to purchase them. The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) develops and issues federal regulations that set the requirements and guidelines for the State of Michigan to follow in determining Medicaid eligibility.

Section 1613 of the Social Security Act allows for a three-month exclusion of the proceeds from the sale of an individual's homestead when there is the intent to purchase a new domicile which will meet the definition of a homestead. Current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) policy allows for a greater period for the exclusion than allowed under the federal regulation. Effective February 1, 2019, the period of exclusion will be three months to align with federal policy. This change also requires an update to MDHHS policy regarding the definition of a homestead to exclude income-producing property located on the homestead property.

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. 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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