

**MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET**

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

**Brief description of policy:**

This policy updates definitions in the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) in order to align with the updated language in the Programs Operational Manual System (POMS). The POMS is the template for the BEM.

**Reason for policy (problem being addressed):**

To ensure the policy is applied correctly and the language in the manuals are kept current.

**Budget implication:**

budget neutral

will cost MDHHS \$ , and (select one) budgeted in current appropriation

will save MDHHS \$

**Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?**

No

**Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?**

No

**Does policy have operational implications on other departments?**

No

**Summary of input:**

controversial

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

**Supporting Documentation:**

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|                                 | <b>Michigan Department of Health and Human Services</b> | <b>Project Number:</b> 2139-Eligibility <b>Date:</b> October 19, 2021 |

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**Proposed Effective Date:** January 1, 2022  
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| <p><b>Policy Subject:</b> Medicaid Asset Policy</p> <p><b>Affected Programs:</b> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Programs</p> <p><b>Distribution:</b> Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The purpose of this policy is to update definitions in the BEM in order to align with the updated language in the Programs Operational Manual System (POMS). The POMS is the template for the BEM.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> To keep policy language in line with current federal terminology.</p> <p><b>Cost Implications:</b> Budget Neutral</p> <p><b>Potential Hearings &amp; Appeal Issues:</b> Few, if any</p> |
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# Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Medical Services Administration

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

**Issued:** December 1, 2021 (Proposed)

**Subject:** Medicaid Asset Policy

**Effective:** January 1, 2022 (Proposed)

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

The purpose of this policy is to revise language in the BEM to update the definition of a vehicle. This change is being made to align language in the BEM to updated terminology in the Programs Operational Manual System (POMS). This is necessary as the POMS acts as a template for SSI-related Medicaid policies in Michigan as Michigan follows Section 1634 of the Social Security Act.

The definition of a(n) automobile/vehicle has been updated in the POMS. To maintain the intent of the automobile/vehicle policy for SSI-related Medicaid programs in Michigan, the definition of vehicle is being updated in BEM item 400. The updated definition is “any registered or unregistered vehicle used for transportation. Vehicles used for transportation include, but are not limited to, cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles, animal-drawn vehicles, and even animals. It does not include pull-behind trailers or fifth wheels.”

The current definition in BEM 400 is “a device used to transport people or goods. Vehicle includes passenger cars, trucks, motorcycles, motorbikes, trailers, campers, motor homes, boats and all-terrain vehicles.” The update will remove trailers and campers as excludable vehicles and changed to include animal-drawn vehicles/animals that pull the vehicles.

The policy language for burial space item exclusions is also being updated. The clarifying language is intended to ensure the policy clearly indicates an applicant can hold one each of a burial space item (each of which serves a different purpose) for any of the individuals listed in policy under SSI-Related MA Burial Space Exclusion in BEM 400 as applicable.