

**MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET**

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

**Brief description of policy:**

This policy updates the asset policy on the homestead for supplemental security income (SSI)-related Medicaid categories.

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

To re-align with the current federal defintion of the homestead.

**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?**

Yes

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

No

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

No

**Summary of input:**

controversial (Explain)

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

**Supporting Documentation:**

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**Comments Due:** May 30, 2023  
**Proposed Effective Date:** July 1, 2023  
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<b>Policy Subject:</b> Medicaid Asset Policy  <b>Affected Programs:</b> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Groups  <b>Distribution:</b> Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) Holders  <b>Summary:</b> This policy updates the asset policy on the homestead for SSI-related Medicaid categories.  <b>Purpose:</b> To align federal and state asset policy for the homestead.  <b>Cost Implications:</b> Budget neutral  <b>Potential Hearings &amp; Appeal Issues:</b> Few if any
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# Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

**Distribution:** Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) Holders

**Issued:** June 1, 2023 (Proposed)

**Subject:** Medicaid Asset Policy

**Effective:** July 1, 2023 (Proposed)

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

The purpose of this bulletin is to update the homestead asset policy for the SSI-Related Medicaid programs located in the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) item 400.

The SSI-Related Medicaid program policy follows federal SSI-Related policy, which can be found in the [Program Operational Manual System \(POMS\)](#).

The current BEM policy states that an individual can own more than one homestead; however, federal policy indicates that an individual can have only one real property that meets the definition of the homestead as the principal place of residence in which they have an ownership interest. The BEM is being updated to bring the definition of a homestead in line with the federal definition of homestead.