

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

The purpose of this policy is to streamline the MSP enrollment process and implement the approved State Plan Amendment requiring application for Medicare, for those who may qualify for Medicare, as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To solve long-term problems with the process, which required manual enrollment of many populations of eligible individuals.

Budget implication:

budget neutral

will cost MDHHS \$ 2 million, and is budgeted in current appropriation

will save MDHHS \$

Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

Yes - the approved state plan must be followed for the Medicaid program.

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:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide status:	If yes, Submission Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
Date: Approval Date:	

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	Project Number: 2346-Eligibility	Date: November 6, 2023

Comments Due: December 11, 2023

Proposed Effective Date: June 1, 2024

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Policy Subject: Medicare Savings Program Eligibility

Affected Programs: Medicare Savings Program

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

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Cost Implications: about \$2 million in GF

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: Few if any as these changes will enroll more eligible individuals in MSP and in Medicare.

State Plan Amendment Required: Yes No
If yes, date submitted:

Public Notice Required: Yes No
Submitted date:

Tribal Notification: Yes No - **Date:**

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

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No Comments

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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 Holders

Issued: May 1, 2024 (Proposed)

Subject: Medicare Savings Program Eligibility

Effective: June 1, 2024 (Proposed)

Programs Affected: Medicare Savings Program

This bulletin announces changes to Medicaid eligibility policy. The changes will allow for automatic enrollment in the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) for several Medicaid beneficiaries that have previously been processed through manual enrollment in the MSP.

Many Medicare beneficiaries are also enrolled in full-coverage Medicaid. These beneficiaries are known as dual eligibles. The state Medicaid program, through the MSP, pays the Medicare part A and B premiums for these beneficiaries by “buying in” the premium payment for an eligible individual. Sometimes the MSP is referred to as the “buy-in” program. The state Medicaid program and federal Medicare program coordinate the MSP program in Michigan. Currently there are several categories of potentially eligible individuals who require manual review of eligibility and enrollment in MSP.

This bulletin also announces implementation of the Medicaid State Plan requirement that an applicant or recipient for Medicaid, who is potentially eligible for Medicare, must apply for Medicare as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid.

Enrollment in Medicare will allow the State of Michigan to pay the part A and or B premiums for the dual-eligible individual. Failure to apply for Medicare will cause denial of Medicaid coverage. Applicants who apply but are not found eligible for Medicare will still be potentially eligible for Medicaid. These changes will ensure the Medicaid program enrolls persons into MSP who do not fall into automatic enrollment and who are, or can be, enrolled in Medicare.