

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

Brief description of policy:

This bulletin updates the policy for the deduction of Medicare part B premiums budgeted for the community spouse.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To remove policy from the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) that is out of alignment with federal calculations of the community spouse's allowance standard.

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?

Only for the local MDHHS offices but it will not change the overall processing of the Medicaid application.

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:

State Plan Amendment Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please provide status:

☐ Approved ☐ Pending

☐ Denied

Date: Approval

Date:

Public Notice Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes,
Submission Date:

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Michigan Department of Health and Human Services		
	Project Number: 2506-Eligibility	Date: April 24, 2025

Comments Due: May 28, 2025
Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2025
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Policy Subject: Community Spouse Health Insurance Expenses Affected Programs: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Extended Care Program Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders Summary: The Medicare part B premium expense is included in the federal community spouse income allowance standard and should not be a stand-alone expense in the institutionalized spouse's Patient Pay Amount calculation. This policy removes stand-alone expense from the BEM. Purpose: To align policy with federal standard for the health insurance expense. Cost Implications: Budget neutral Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:

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

☐ **Approved**

☐ **No Comments**

☐ **See Comments Below**

☐ **Disapproved**

☐ **See Comments in Text**

Signature:

Phone Number

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Bureau/Administration *(please print)*

Date

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Health Services

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual Holders

Issued: May 30, 2025 (proposed)

Subject: Community Spouse Health Insurance Expenses

Effective: July 1, 2025 (proposed)

Programs Affected: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Extended Care Program

This bulletin updates the policy for the deduction of Medicare part B premiums budgeted for the community spouse. Policy is being adjusted to eliminate the Medicare part B premium as a community spouse budget income expense. The Medicare part B premium is included in the federal calculations of the Minimum Monthly Needs Allowance standard.