

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial ☐

Public Comment ☒

Final ☐

Brief description of policy:

This bulletin updates language and adds examples to policy covering the group composition for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-related categories when the applicant is an adult.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

To bring clarity to local office specialists.

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 (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:

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	Project Number: 2541-Eligibility	Date: September 15, 2025

Comments Due: October 20, 2025

Proposed Effective Date: December 1, 2025

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Policy Subject: Group Composition for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Categories

Affected Programs: SSI-Related Medicaid Categories when the Applicant is an Adult

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

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Purpose: To bring clarity to local office specialists.

Cost Implications: Budget neutral

Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: none

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**

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Date

Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Health Services

Distribution: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) Holders

Issued: November 1, 2025 (proposed)

Subject: Group Composition for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid Categories

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Programs Affected: SSI-Related Medicaid Categories when the Applicant is an Adult

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce technical changes to the group composition policy found in the BEM item 211. The updates are aimed at married couples and the Medicaid waiver programs. Specifically, the language is being updated and examples are being added to aid the local office in determining the correct group composition for an applicant applying for home and community-based supports and services (HCBSS) coverage. This action is being taken to decrease confusion and to add information on the group composition of couples when one of the spouses is applying for an HCBSS waiver while the remaining individual is not enrolled in or applying for Medicaid coverage under a HCBSS.