EFFECTIVE

June 1, 2024.

Subject(s)

Federal and State Changes to Medical Savings Program (MSP) Eligibility and Funeral Max Updates

Medicaid Only

1. Estate recovery hardships.
2. Medical Savings Program (MSP).
3. Funeral contract maximums.

1) Estate Recovery

BAM 120

The approved state plan does not allow for a hardship in order for the spouse to avoid Medicaid eligiblity for themselves.

Reason: To align policy item with the state plan.

2) MSP

BEM 165, BEM 257, BEM 270, BEM 400

These items have been updated to capture changes to the eligiblity process for the Medicare Savings Program. More duel Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries will now approve for MSP based on full Medicaid eligibility. (They may otherwise be over income or asset for MSP only eligibility).

Policy will now require individuals who are potentially eligible for Medicare to apply for Medicare as a condition of eligiblity. Verification is by self attestation.

Reason: Changes to the federal Medicare/Medicaid buy-in regulations.

3) Funeral Maximums

BAM 805

The absolute maximum amount allowed for prepaid funeral contracts is updated.

Reason: Annual update released by DIFS.

MANUAL MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Changed Items ...

BAM 120
BAM 805
BAM 810
BEM 165
BEM 257
BEM 270
BEM 400