**EFFECTIVE**

July 1, 2025.

**Subject(s)**

1. Food Assistance Program (FAP) three-month benefit period.
2. Medicaid (MA) post-eligibility-patient-pay amounts.
3. Unearned income.
4. FAP fault determination.
5. MA community spouse annual update.
6. Miscellaneous.

**1) FAP Three-month Benefit Period**

**BAM 115**

Migrant/seasonal farmworkers groups where their circumstances are not stable **may** be assigned a three-month benefit period. The benefit period should be determined on a case-by-case basis. Always assign the longest period possible.

*Reason:* Align with categorical changes.

**2) MA Patient Pay Amounts**

**BEM 545**

For all persons in this item, determine countable income as follows:

- RSDI, Railroad Retirement and U.S. Civil Service and Federal Employee Retirement System.
- Non-SSI income for SSI recipients.

Use countable income per BEM 500, 501, 502, 503, 504 and 530. Deduct Medicare premiums actually withheld by including the L/H's premium along with other health insurance premiums.

*Reason:* Policy clarification.

**3) Unearned Income**

**BEM 503**

**All Programs**

GIP is also known as the Universal Basic Income Program (UBI). The GIP or UBI payments are funded solely from private and public funds or combination of both. They provide a modest cash income at regular intervals (such as, each month or year) to all individuals meeting minimal eligibility criteria.

Examples of the payments include the following:

- Detroit Jump Start.
- RX Kids.
- Grow Ann Arbor (GIG 2).
- The Community Health Project (CHP) in Washtenaw County.

*Reason:* Policy update.

**4) FAP Fault Determination**

**BAM 117**

**FAP Only**

For pending FAP expedited service applications, determination of fault must be made at six-day intervals after the date of application.

The FAP group is at fault when all required actions have been taken, but the FAP group has not taken one or more of the following actions:

- Completed the application form.
- Provided verification of identity.
- Completed the scheduled interview.

If the FAP group is at fault, answer yes to the Extend SOP due to group at fault question on the Program Request-Details screen. The extension should be used as a last resort. This prevents the registration from being overdue on worker registration reports and extends the standard of promptness to 29 days following the date of application.

*Reason:* Update. FOA Memo 2012-07 is obsolete.

**5) MA Annual Update**

**BEM246**

The shelter standard for a month is $793.13.

The basic allowance for a month is $2643.75M. The result, up to the appropriate maximum, is the total allowance.

*Reason:* Annual update.

**6) Miscellaneous**

**BEM 245**

Removed reference to he/she and added links.

**BEM 615**

If a Substance Abuse Treatment Center applies for FAP on behalf of its residents and they are not licensed or certified, refer them to the: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Specialty Behavioral Health Services, Substance Use, Gambling & Epidemiology. The email and address did not change.

**BAM 115**

Moved policy headings to the top of the item.

**BAM 600**

The fax number for the State SSI Payment Unit was replaced with an email address.

**BAM 210**

Clarified that if a client or authorized representative wants a copy of their completed redetermination, the copy must have the Social Security numbers for anyone listed and/or any mention of domestic violence, redacted.

**MANUAL MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS**

**Changed Items ...**

BAM 115
BAM 117
BAM 210
BAM 600
BEM 245
BEM 405
BEM 503
BEM 546
BEM 615
FOM 902