

DEPARTMENT POLICY

MA Only

This waiver is called the MI Choice Waiver Program. This waiver program provides home and community-based services for aged and disabled persons who, if they did not receive such services, would require care in a nursing home.

Services provided under this waiver program must be less costly for MA than the cost of nursing home services for the total number of waiver clients, not per person.

The MI Choice waiver is **not an MA category**, but there are special eligibility rules for people approved for the waiver. See "[DHS Local Office Responsibilities](#)" below.

TARGETED GROUP

Waiver services are covered for MA recipients who:

- Medically qualify, **or**
- Seek or have an expanded Home Help Program exception grant of \$1000 or more per month, **and**
- Are age 65 or over, **or**
- At least age 18 and disabled.

WAIVER ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Community Health (DCH) administers the waiver through contracts with organized health care delivery systems. See "[EXHIBIT I](#)" in this item for a list of these waiver service agents. The agent's functions are described below.

Assisting Patients

The agent will assist prospective waiver participants in applying for MA and for initial asset assessments. The agent will also help the person obtain requested information and verification.

WAIVER PROCESS

The waiver process includes:

Assessment

The agent completes an assessment to verify medical eligibility for the waiver.

Care Plan

A written care plan is developed by the agent and the waiver participant if the assessment confirms medical eligibility for the waiver. The participant may choose to receive home and community-based services from the waiver service provider.

At a minimum, the plan includes:

- Types of services to be furnished; and
- The amount, frequency and duration of each service; and

- The type of provider to furnish each service.

Care Management

The agent is responsible for arranging for plan services to be provided.

APPROVED FOR THE WAIVER

Approved for the waiver means:

- The agent conducted the assessment, **and**
- The participant received, or expects to receive, supports coordination services from the agent with appropriate waiver services for at least 30 consecutive days.

Approval and Termination Dates

The agent determines the waiver approval date and termination date. The agent is responsible for advising the appropriate local DHS office of these dates.

The waiver automatically terminates when the patient enters an LTC facility. See [PEM 547](#) for instructions.

DHS LOCAL OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

Local offices' primary responsibilities are doing initial asset assessments and determining MA eligibility for waiver patients.

Waiver Patient Defined

A waiver participant is a person whose month being tested is a waiver month.

Waiver Month Defined

A waiver month is a calendar month containing at least one day that the participant is (was) approved for the waiver. The agent determines the waiver approval date.

Note: For purposes of MA eligibility, a month remains a waiver month even if the waiver participant enters a LTC facility and/or hospital in the same calendar month. A waiver month does not become a L/H month (See PRG).

Eligibility

Special MA policies to use in the eligibility determination are:

- A waiver participant is a group of one even when he lives with his spouse (PEM 211).
- The Special MA Asset Rules in PEM 402 apply.
- MA divestment policy in PEM 405 applies to waiver participants.
- The extended-care category is available to waiver participants (PEM 164).
- Income must be at or below 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate. |

Notices

Waiver activities are performed by agents who meet the federal definition of administering the MA program. Therefore, you can share the following information with the agents without a signed release from the client:

- A copy of the DHS-3503, Verification Checklist.
- A copy of the DHS-4598, Medical Program Eligibility Notice, or the LOA2 equivalent.
- A copy of the DHS-1175, MA Determination Notice.
- A copy of the DHS-4588, Initial Asset Assessment Notice.

The original DHS-3503, DHS-4598, DHS-1175 and DHS-4588 must be sent to the client or the guardian, court or agency who is legally responsible for the client.

Do not enter waiver service agents on ASSIST as a third party type (AUTREP). Only the person's legal guardian, court or agency legally responsible for the participant can be entered as a third party type.

HOSPICE SERVICES

Waiver participants may receive hospice services and waiver services simultaneously.

The waiver services provider and the hospice coordinate their plans of care to avoid overlapping services. DCH is responsible for assuring correct payments are made.

MANAGED CARE PLANS

MA recipients must choose either waiver services or enrollment in an health maintenance organization (HMO). They cannot receive both waiver services and be enrolled in an HMO.

CIMS INPUT

Use the following data elements in the medical services authorization (FPAC transaction):

- Level of Care (LC) code - 22.
- Medical Provider Identification Number (Provider ID) -9999980.

**EXHIBIT I - DCH
WAIVER SERVICE
AGENTS**

WAIVER SERVICE AGENTS	COUNTIES SERVED
Detroit Area Agency on Aging 1333 Brewery Park Blvd, Suite 200 Detroit, MI 48207 Phone: 313-446-4444 Fax: 313-446-4446	Cities of: Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms, Harper Woods
The Senior Alliance 3850 Second Street, Suite 201 Wayne, MI 48184-1755 Phone: 734-722-2830 1-800-815-1112 Fax: 734-722-2836	All of Wayne County excluding those areas served by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging
The Information Center, Inc. 20500 Eureka Road, Suite 110 Taylor, MI 48180 Phone: 734-282-7171 Fax: 734-282-7105	All of Wayne County excluding those areas served by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging
Area Agency on Aging 1B 29100 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 400 Southfield, MI 48034 Phone: 248-357-2255 1-800-852-7795 Fax: 248-948-9691	Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw
Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc. 16200 Nineteen Mile Road PO Box 380710 Clinton Township, MI 48038-0070 Phone: 586-263-8953 Fax: 586-228-7029	Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw
Region 2 Area Agency on Aging 8363 US 12 P.O. Box 303 Onsted, MI 49265-0303 Phone: 517-467-2204 1-800-335-7881 Fax: 517-467-8214	Jackson Hillsdale Lenawee
Senior Services, Inc. 918 Jasper Street Kalamazoo, MI 49001 Phone: 269-382-0515 Fax: 269-382-3189	Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph
Burnham Brook Center 200 West Michigan Avenue Suite 100 Battle Creek, MI 49017 Phone: 269-966-2475 1-800-626-6719 Fax: 269-966-2493	Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren

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Region IV Area Agency on Aging 2900 Lakeview Avenue St. Joseph, MI 49085 Phone: 269-983-0177 1-800-442-2803 Fax: 269-983-5218	Berrien Cass Van Buren
Valley Area Agency on Aging 711 North Saginaw Street, Suite 207 Flint, MI 48503 Phone: 810-239-7671 1-800-978-6275 Fax: 810-239-8869	Genesee Lapeer Shiawassee
Tri-County Office on Aging 5303 South Cedar Street Lansing, MI 48911-3800 Phone: 517-887-1440 1-800-405-9141 Fax: 517-887-8071	Clinton Eaton Ingham
Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. 1279 Cedar Street NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503-1378 Phone: 616-456-5664 1-888-456-5664 Fax: 616-456-5692	Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola
HHS, Health Options 5363 44th Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 Phone: 616-954-1547 1-800-634-2712 Fax: 616-285-2588	Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa
Region VII Area Agency on Aging 126 Washington Avenue Bay City, MI 48708 Phone: 989-893-4506 1-800-858-1637 Fax: 989-893-3770	Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Tuscola
A&D Home Health Care, Inc. 3150 Enterprise, Suite 200 Saginaw, MI 48603 Phone: 989-249-0929 1-800-884-3335 Fax: 989-249-1147	Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Isabella, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, Tuscola
Northeast Mich Comm. Service Agency, Inc. Region IX Area Agency on Aging 2375 Gordon Road Alpena, MI 49707 Phone: 989-356-3474 1-800-219-2273 Fax: 517-354-5909	Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Craw- ford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon

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Northern Michigan Regional Health System 416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770-2297 Phone: 231-487-7194 or 231-487-5308 Fax: 231-448-4480	Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon
Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan 1609 Park Drive PO Box 5946 Traverse City, MI 49696-5946 Phone: 231-947-8920 1-800-442-1713 Fax: 231-947-6401	Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford
Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite D Traverse City, MI 49684 Phone: 231-933-4917 or 231-933-4913 Fax: 231-995-7900	Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford
Senior Resources 255 West Sherman Boulevard Muskegon Heights, MI 49444 Phone: 231-739-5858 1-800-442-0054 Fax: 231-739-4452	Muskegon Oceana Ottawa
U.P. Area Agency on Aging (UPCAP) 2501 14th Avenue South PO Box 606 Escanaba, MI 49829 Phone: 906-786-4701 1-800-338-7227 Fax: 906-786-5853	Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft

LEGAL BASE**MA**

Social Security Act, Section 1915
42 CFR Part 435.217, 441.350,.400

JOINT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Medicaid, Adult Medical Program (AMP) also known as Adult Benefit Waiver (ABW), Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA/TMA-Plus), and Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS) policy has been developed jointly by the Department of Community Health (DCH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS).