
OVERVIEW

To be eligible for Michigan Medicaid, a person must be a Michigan resident. Residency continues for an individual who is temporarily absent from Michigan or intends to return to Michigan when the purpose of the absence has been accomplished. See [BEM 220, Residence](#), for details.

Example: Individuals who spend the winter months in a warmer climate and return to their home in the spring. They remain MI residents during the winter months.

Home Help

Active Home Help clients can remain eligible for Home Help payments in a temporary residence outside of the state if all the following are true:

- They intend to return to Michigan.
- Medicaid remains active during the temporary absence.
- The temporary residence is within the United States.

Services provided outside the United States are not eligible for payment and are subject to denial and recoupment.

Authorization of Services

Payment can be authorized only for those services required by the client in any living arrangement (permanent or temporary) and **only** to caregivers authorized to provide Home Help services **prior** to the client's temporary absence.

Authorizations **cannot** extend beyond the six-month review date as the ASW is unable to meet the in-person face-to-face contact requirement.

Documentation

The adult services worker must confirm and document all personal care services the client receives at an approved location other than their home, when approved to meet their care needs. See [ASM 130, Plan of Care](#) for more information.

REFERENCES

For more information see:

- [BEM 220, Residence.](#)
- [ASM 130, Plan of Care.](#)

LEGAL BASE

42 CFR 435.403

Section 11005 of P.L. 99-570

Social Welfare Act, Sections 1902(a)(48), 1902(b)(2)

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