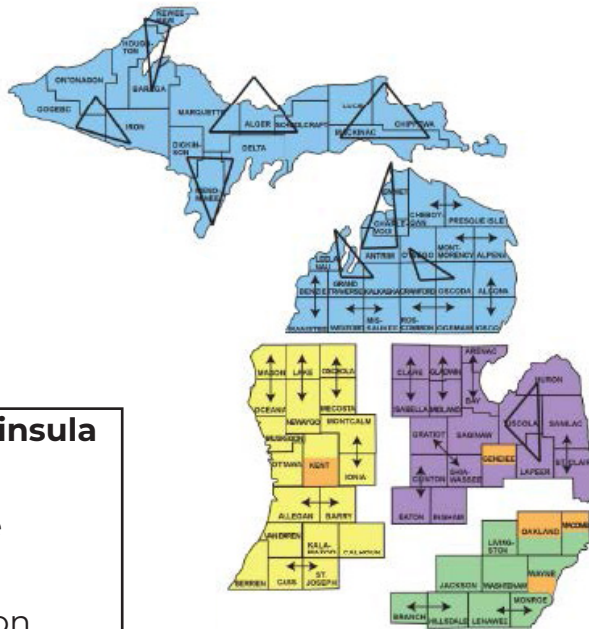


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## Safe, Affordable and Reliable Drinking Water is Possible Under Proposed Michigan Water Affordability Legislation

- Legislation proposed in Lansing would **create a water affordability fund** to help low-income eligible customers who are struggling to pay their water bill.
- The legislation also **provides safeguards to protect customers from sudden shut-offs** of water service.
- Eligibility is based on household income.
- **Seniors pay a capped amount** that includes a \$2 monthly fee on every water bill that goes to the fund. **This is not an extra charge** and is similar to the monthly fee on gas and electric bills.
- More than 25% **seniors across Michigan** need this proposed program – **about 500,000 seniors statewide** – would be eligible.

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services  
Business Services Centers



**Business Service Center 1**

**Upper & Northern Peninsula**

**54K**  
seniors eligible  
**28%**  
of total population

**Business Service Center 2**

**Eastern Lower Peninsula**

**87K**  
seniors eligible  
**26%**  
of total population

**Business Service Center 3**

**Western Lower Peninsula**

**105K**  
seniors eligible  
**27%**  
of total population

**Business Service Center 4**

**Southeast Michigan**

**207K**  
seniors eligible  
**25%**  
of total population

- Seniors living with other family members are still eligible. **See the income eligibility chart to the right:**

Number of People Living in the Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$30,120
2	\$40,880
3	\$51,640
4	\$62,400
5	\$73,160
6	\$83,920
7	\$94,680
8	\$105,440



Learn more at [miwaterplan.com](http://miwaterplan.com)

<sup>1</sup> Initial fee is a \$2 funding factor per account. After 3 years, the department of treasury may adjust the funding factor annually but cannot exceed \$3 per account. (SB550, Sec. 14t(9) and (10))  
<sup>2</sup> SB550, Sec. 14t(15).