



STATE OF DELAWARE
DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
POLICY, PLANNING AND QUALITY UNIT

M E M O R A N D U M

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA -03-2016

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: November 20, 2015

SUBJECT: 2016 Spousal Impoverishment Standards

BACKGROUND

Under Section 1924(g) of the Social Security Act, the minimum and maximum resource allowances and the cap on the community spouse's minimum monthly maintenance needs standards are updated annually. The figures are increased by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

DISCUSSION

The CPI will not increase in 2016. Therefore, the Spousal Impoverishment Standards will remain the same for 2016.

Effective January 1, 2016 the standards will remain as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$23,844.00 (federal)

Delaware's Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$25,000.00

NOTE: Effective October 1, 1993 the minimum resource allowance in Delaware increased to \$25,000.00. Any federal annual increase in the minimum resource allowance will have no effect on Delaware's minimum until it exceeds \$25,000.00

Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$119,220.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$2,980.50

ACTION REQUIRED

The eligibility system will retain these standards for 2016.

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