

Administrative Notice DMMA-04-2008

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: June 23, 2008

SUBJECT: Annual Increase in Community Spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance

BACKGROUND

Under Section 1924 of the Social Security Act, the minimum monthly maintenance needs standard for the community spouse is increased on July 1 each year. In addition, the excess shelter amount and family allowance increases on July 1.

DISCUSSION

The figures below are based on federal poverty levels published prior to July 1 each year. Section 1924 of the Social Security Act requires July 1 as the effective date.

Effective July 1, 2007, the increased amounts are:

	July / 2007	July / 2008
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$1712.00	\$1751.00
B. Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$ 514.00	\$ 526.00
C. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$ 571.00	\$ 584.00

DCIS II will update the need standard for the community spouse, excess shelter, and the family allowance.

ACTION REQUIRED

None

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