

Administrative Notice DMMA 04-2009

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: May 29, 2009

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, 2009, the increased amounts are:

	7/2008	7/2009
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$1751.00	\$1821.25
B. Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$ 526.00	\$ 546.00
C. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$ 584.00	\$ 607.00

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

**ACTION REQUIRED**

None

**DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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