



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

MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA -04-2016

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: November 12, 2015

SUBJECT: 2016 SSI Related Income Standards and Medicare Premiums

BACKGROUND

The Social Security Administration announced that there will be no annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for 2016.

DISCUSSION

The SSI standard effective January 1, 2016 will remain \$733.00 for an individual and \$1,100.00 for a couple. The SSI standard is used in setting income standards for Medicaid programs.

The income standard for the 30-day acute care hospital program is equal to the SSI standard.

\$733.00 for an individual \$1,100 for a couple

The income standard for Long Term Care Programs and the Children's Community Alternative Disability program is equal to 250% of the SSI standard. The income standard for these programs will remain at 2015 levels as follows:

\$1,833.00 for an individual \$2,750.00 for a couple

Each individual will have \$20.00 of his or her available income disregarded in order to determine eligibility. There is no \$20.00 disregard for "needs" based income such as VA pensions. There is only one \$20.00 disregard from the total combined income for a couple. The income standards with the \$20.00 disregard added in remain:

\$1,853.00 for an individual \$2,770.00 for a couple

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There is no change in the resource limit.

\$2,000.00 for an individual

\$3,000.00 for a couple

The 2016 Medicare premiums are as follows:

Part A \$ 411.00

Part B \$ 121.80

(For individuals earning less than \$85,000 annually)

ACTION REQUIRED

The eligibility System will be updated with the new income standards.

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