

Administrative Notice DMMA-06-2008

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: October 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Annual Increase in Community Spouse Allowance

BACKGROUND

Under Section 1924(g) of the Social Security Act, the minimum and maximum resource allowances and the cap on the community spouse's maximum monthly maintenance needs standards are increased annually. Effective October 1, 1993 the minimum resource allowance in Delaware was increased to \$25,000.00. Therefore the current federal annual increase in the minimum resource allowance has no effect on Delaware's minimum.

DISCUSSION

Effective January 1, 2009, the new amounts are as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$21,912.00 (federal)

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

Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$109,560.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$2,739.00

ACTION REQUIRED

Beginning January 1, 2009 the new maximum amounts will be used when determining spousal impoverishment protections. DCIS II and the excel worksheets will be updated with the new amounts. DCIS II will be updated with the new income standards.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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Signed on October 30, 2008
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