



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 07-2014

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: November 25, 2014

SUBJECT: 2015 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 increased annually. The figures are increased by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

DISCUSSION

Due to an increase in the CPI, the Spousal Impoverishment Standards will increase for 2015.

Effective January 1, 2015 the standards will be 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 be updated with the 2015 standards.

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