

Administrative Notice DMMA-08-2006

TO: All Staff

DATE: December 11, 2006

SUBJECT: ANNUAL INCREASE IN COMMUNITY SPOUSE ALLOWANCES

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 on January 1. The minimum resource allowance was increased in Delaware to \$25,000.00 effective October 1, 1993. This means the current federal January increase in minimum resource allowance has no effect on the Delaware minimum.

Discussion

Effective January 1, 2007, the new amounts are:

Minimum Protected Resource Allowance - \$20,328.00 (federal)

Delaware's Minimum protected Resource Allowance remains at - \$25,000.00

Maximum Protected Resource Allowance - \$101,640.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$2,541.00

Action Required

Beginning January 1, 2007, use the new maximum amounts when determining spousal impoverishment protections. DCIS II will be updated with the new amounts.

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Signed - December 11, 2006
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