



STATE OF DELAWARE
 DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
 DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
 PLANNING AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT UNIT

MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO
 ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA 08-2010

TO: All DMMA and DSS Staff

DATE: November 3, 2010

SUBJECT: 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. The federal poverty levels did not change for 2010. Therefore the community spouse minimum monthly maintenance needs amounts have remained the same.

Effective July 1, 2010, the amounts continue to be:

	07/2009	07/2010
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$1821.25	\$1821.25
B. Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$ 546.00	\$ 546.00
C. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$ 607.00	\$ 607.00

ACTION REQUIRED

None

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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November 3, 2010

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