



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 09-2010

TO: All DMMA and DSS Staff

DATE: April 26, 2011

SUBJECT: SSI-Related Income Limits for Medical Assistance and Medicare Premiums

BACKGROUND

The Social Security Administration typically implements an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective every January. The amount of the COLA is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is derived from changes in the Consumer Price Index.

DISCUSSION

Due to no increase in the Consumer Price Index, there will not be a COLA in 2011. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) standard will remain at \$674.00 for an individual and \$1,011.00 for a couple. The eligibility income limits for some of the Medicaid Programs is based on the SSI standard.

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

\$674.00 for an individual \$1,011.00 for a couple

The income limit for all Long Term Care Programs and the Children's Community Alternative Disability Program is equal to 250% of the SSI standard. Effective January 1, 2011 the income limit for these programs will remain at:

\$1,685.00 for an individual \$2,528.00 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 limits with the \$20.00 disregard added in will remain at:

\$1,705.00 for an individual \$2,548.00 for a couple

The 2011 Medicare premiums are as follows:

Part A \$450.00

Part B	\$96.40 (if beneficiary had premium withheld from SSA in 2009)
	\$110.50 (if beneficiary began paying for Part B in 2010)
	\$115.40 (for all others – new Medicare beneficiaries in 2011 and individuals with income in excess of \$85,000/annually)

ACTION REQUIRED

DCIS II will be updated with the new income standards.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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