



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 09-2013

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: November 19, 2013

SUBJECT: 2014 Spousal Impoverishment Standards

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**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 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014 the standards will be as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$23,448.00 (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 - \$117,240.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$2,931.00

**ACTION REQUIRED**

DCIS II will be updated with the 2014 standards.

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