



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

M E M O R A N D U M

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA 11-2010
TO: All DMMA and DSS Staff
DATE: **April 26, 2011**
SUBJECT: 2011 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 adjusted annually. These figures are adjusted at the same rate as the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

DISCUSSION

Due to no change in the CPI, the Spousal Impoverishment Standards will not change for 2011.

Effective January 1, 2011, the standards will remain as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$21,912.00 (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. Any federal annual increase in the minimum resource allowance has no effect on Delaware's minimum until it exceeds \$25,000.00.

Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$109,560.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$2,739.00

ACTION REQUIRED

DCIS II will be updated with the increased amount of \$506,000.

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