

**STATE OF DELAWARE****DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
POLICY & PLANNING UNIT****ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-12-2024**

TO: All DMMA Staff
DATE: November 27, 2024
PROGRAM(S): Long Term Care Medicaid Programs
SUBJECT: 2025 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 updated annually. The figures are increased by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

DISCUSSION

The CPI will increase 2.4 % for 2025. Therefore, the Spousal Impoverishment Standards will increase for 2025.

Effective January 1, 2025, the standards will be as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$31,584.00 (Federal)

Delaware's Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$31,584.00

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 had no effect on Delaware's minimum until it exceeded \$25,000.00. As of January 1, 2025, the Federal Minimum Community Spouse Resource Standard is \$31,584.00, therefore Delaware's minimum resource standard has increased to reflect this amount.

Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$157,920.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$3,948.00

ACTION REQUIRED

The eligibility system will be updated to reflect these standards for 2025.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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