

STATE OF DELAWARE



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

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-05-2026

TO: All DMMA & DSS Staff

DATE: April 27, 2026

PROGRAM(S): Long Term Care

SUBJECT: 2026 Community Spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)

BACKGROUND

Under Section 1924 of the Social Security Act, the minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance (MMMNA) for the community spouse is increased on July 1st each year. In addition, the excess shelter amount and family allowance increases on July 1st of each year.

DISCUSSION

The figures below are based on federal poverty levels published prior to July 1st each year. Section 1924 of the Social Security Act requires July 1st to be the effective date.

Effective July 1, 2026, the amounts increase to:

	07/2025	07/2026
A. MMMNA (150% of FPL for 2)	\$2643.75	\$2705.00
Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$793.13	\$811.50
B. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$881.25	\$901.67

ACTION REQUIRED

The spousal worksheet and eligibility system will be updated with these new amounts.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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