



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

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-17-2025**

TO: All DMMA Staff  
DATE: December 10, 2025  
PROGRAM(S): Long Term Care Medicaid Programs  
SUBJECT: 2026 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 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 3.0 % for 2026. Therefore, the Spousal Impoverishment Standards will increase for 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026, the standards will be as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$32,532.00 (Federal)

Delaware's Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$32,532.00

Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$162,660.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$4,066.50

**ACTION REQUIRED**

The eligibility system will be updated to reflect these standards for 2026.

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