



STATE OF DELAWARE

 DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
 DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

 POLICY, PLANNING & QUALITY
MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO
 ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA- **A-04-2019**

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: November 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Community Spouse Minimum Maintenance Needs Allowance

BACKGROUND

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

DISCUSSION

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

Effective July 1, 2019 the amounts increase to:

	07/201807/2019	
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$2057.00	\$2113.75
Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$617.00	\$634.00
B. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$686.00	\$705.00

ACTION REQUIRED

Spousal worksheet and eligibility systems will be updated with these new amounts.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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May 30, 2019

DATE

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