

STATE OF DELAWARE



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

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-5-2022

TO: All DMMA Staff
DATE: March 22, 2022
PROGRAM(S): Long Term Care
SUBJECT: 2022 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 5.4 % for 2022. Therefore, the Spousal Impoverishment Standards will increase for 2022.

Effective January 1, 2022, the standards will be as follows:

Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$27,480.00 (Federal)

Delaware's Minimum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$27,480.00

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 will have no effect on Delaware's minimum until it exceeds \$25,000.00. As of January 1, 2022, the Federal Minimum Community Spouse Resource Standard is \$27,480.00, therefore Delaware's minimum resource standard as increased to reflect this amount.

Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance - \$137,400.00

Maximum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance - \$3,435.00

ACTION REQUIRED

The eligibility system will be updated to reflect these standards for 2022.

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