



STATE OF DELAWARE

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-02-2023**

TO: All DMMA Staff  
DATE: January 26, 2023  
PROGRAM(S): Long Term Care Medicaid Programs  
SUBJECT: 2023 SSI Related Income Standards and Medicare Programs

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**BACKGROUND**

The Social Security Administration will implement an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective January 1, 2023. The amount of the COLA is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is derived from changes in the Consumer Price Index. The COLA for 2023 is 8.7 percent.

**DISCUSSION**

The new Supplemental Security Income (SSI) standard effective January 1, 2023, will be \$914.00 for an individual and \$1371.00 for a couple. The SSI standard is used in setting income standards for Medicaid programs.

The income standard for the 30-day acute care hospital program is equal to the SSI standard.

\$914.00 for an individual                      \$1371.00 for a couple

The income standard for Long Term Care Programs and the Children's Community Alternative Disability program is equal to 250% of the SSI standard. The income standard for these programs for 2023 is as follows:

\$2285.00 for an individual                      \$ 3427.50 for a couple

Each individual will have \$20.00 of his or her available income disregarded in order to determine eligibility. There is no \$ 20.00 disregard for "needs" based income such as

Veterans Affairs (VA) pensions. There is only one \$20.00 disregard from the total combined income for a couple. For 2023, the income standards with the \$20.00 disregard are as follows:

\$2305.00 for an individual                      \$3447.50 for a couple

There is no change in the resource limit:

\$2,000.00 for an individual                      \$3,000.00 for a couple

The 2023 Medicare premiums are as follows:

Part A \$506    Part B \$164.90

(For members filing an individual tax return and earning less than \$97,000 annually OR  
For members filing joint tax returns and earning less than \$194,000)

**ACTION REQUIRED**

The eligibility system will be updated with the new income standards.

**DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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