



STATE OF DELAWARE

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

MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA A-09-2021

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: June 7, 2021

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, 2021 the amounts increase to:

	07/2020	07/2021
A. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (150% of FPL for 2)	\$2155.00	\$2177.50
Excess Shelter (30% of A)	\$646.50	\$653.25
B. Family Allowance (1/3 of A)	\$718.00	\$725.83

ACTION REQUIRED

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

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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