

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO 12-06, SPOUSAL INCOME PROTECTION

DATE: 05-03-06

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid
Change No: 12-06
To: County Directors of Social Services
Effective: July 1, 2006

I. COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE AND DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER ALLOWANCE CHANGES

[MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting](#), has been revised to provide the following amounts for calculating the community spouse income allowance and the dependent family member allowance based on the increase in the federal poverty level.

A. The basic spousal allowance is increased from \$1,604 to \$1,650.

B. The shelter standard is increased from \$482 to \$495.

C. The maximum dependent allowance is increased from \$535 to \$550.

There is no change in the maximum community spouse income allowance. It increased to \$2,489 effective January 1, 2006.

D. Other Changes

The new standard utility allowance amounts for 2006 have been updated.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

These changes are effective July 1, 2006.

A. Applications

Apply the new amounts in determining spousal income allowances and dependent family member allowances effective on or after July 1, 2006. For the months prior to July 1, 2006, use the old amounts.

B. Ongoing Cases

Apply the new amounts in re-determining spousal income allowances, and dependent family member allowances at the first re-determination/review or change in situation effective July 1, 2006, or later.

1. For reviews or changes in situation in process or begun on or after receipt of this change notice, use these amounts to determine the patient monthly liability effective July 1, 2006, or later.
2. For all other cases apply these amounts at the next review or change in situation.

III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove: MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, pages 9 and 10, 13 through 16, Table i, Table ii and Figure 6, Community Spouse Income Allowance Worksheet.

Insert: [MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting](#), pages 9 and 10, 13 through 16, [Table i](#), [Table ii](#) and [Figure 6](#), Community Spouse Income Allowance Worksheet, effective July 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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for Health Policy and Medical Assistance

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