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# CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL, NO: 04-14, SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT STANDARDS

**DATE: 06/26/2014**

**Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid**

**Change No: 04-14**

**To: County Directors of Social Services**

**Effective: July 1, 2014**

### **I. BACKGROUND**

The minimum community spouse income allowance and excess shelter allowance are adjusted annually in accordance with changes in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) federal benefit rate and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Section 1924 of the Social Security Act directs that these adjustments be effective on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### **II. CONTENT OF CHANGE**

MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, is revised to reflect the new community spouse income allowance and excess shelter allowance.

### **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This change in policy is effective July 1, 2014.

#### **1. Applications**

Apply the new amounts in determining the spousal income allowance and shelter standard effective on or after July 1, 2014. For the months prior to July 1, 2014 use the old amount.

#### **2. Ongoing Cases**

Apply the new amounts in determining spousal income allowance and shelter standard at the first review or change in situation effective July 1, 2014 or later.

#### **IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

**Remove MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, pages 11-12 & 15-20.**

Insert [MA-2270](#), Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, pages 11-12 & 15-20.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a Medicaid Program Representative.

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