CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 08-25 2025 SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT STANDARDS

DATE: JUNE 27, 2025

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 08-25

To: County Directors of Social Services

I. BACKGROUND AND CONTENT OF CHANGE

The basic spousal allowance, maximum dependent allowance and excess shelter allowance are adjusted annually in accordance with the changes in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) federal benefit rate and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Section 1924 of the Social Security Act directs that these adjustments are effective July 1 each year.

II. POLICY UPDATE

MA-2270 LONG TERM CARE NEED AND BUDGETING VI. B. and C. policy has been updated with the 2025 basic spousal allowance, and excess shelter standard amounts needed to complete the DHB-5008c Spouse and Dependent Income Allowance Worksheet.

MA-2270 LONG TERM CARE NEED AND BUDGETING VII. policy has been updated with the 2025 maximum dependent allowance.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Apply the new amounts in determining the spousal and dependent income allowance and shelter standard effective July 1, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding information in this letter, please contact your <u>Operational Support Team Representative</u>.

Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid