

CPI – Continuous Period of Institutionalization
Base allowance – 150% of federal poverty for two (see MA-2270, VI.)
SES – Standard excess shelter cost (see MA-2270, VI.C)

ISP – Institutionalized Spouse
CUSP – Community Spouse
SUA – Standard Utility Allowance
(see Table C, MA-2270)

Combined Maximum – Base Allowance plus excess shelter up to amount listed in MA-2270.

Rules for deeming Income ISP to CUSP

- ISP must have a legal spouse at point CPI begins; not required to have been living with A/R.
- Do not protect income if:** A/R sanctioned for transfer; both are institutionalized; or separated more than 12 months.
(unless a formal/informal agreement for spousal support is being PAID) .

A. Maximum Income Available for Deeming to CUSP

- A/R's countable income for LTC, step II
- Subtract \$70 personal needs allowance
- Subtract any mandatory deductions
- Subtract A&A/UME portion of VA payment.....
- Difference is the maximum available for deeming
- Continue if greater than zero

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A.5.

B. CUSP's Gross Monthly Income

- Count all, including SSI, Special Assistance and Work First.
- Prorate Work First based on # in Work First case.

B.1.

C. Is CUSP's Gross Income (from B., above) greater than or equal to Base Allowance?

- YES.** Stop and go to D., below.
- NO. GROSS IS LESS, ENTER BASE ALLOWANCE HERE.**
 - Subtract CUSP's gross from Base Allowance Gross (B.)
 - Result is CUSP's needs CUSP's Needs.....

C.2.
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C.2.b

- Do CUSP's NEEDS exceed or equal maximum available from ISP in A., above?
 - YES. DEEM MAXIMUM AVAILABLE IN A.5., ABOVE.** Do not consider shelter cost. Stop here.
 - NO. NEEDS ARE LESS THAN MAXIMUM IN A.5., ABOVE.** Continue to C.3., below.

- Are CUSP stated monthly expenses **equal to or less than** the SES in MA-2270?
 - YES.** Shelter costs are equal to or less than SES, **DEEM CUSP's NEEDS** in C.2.b, above. Stop.
 - NO.** Monthly costs exceed SES, continue to D., below.

D. IF CUSP states that SHELTER COSTS exceed SES amount, verify and total the following monthly (prorated) costs:

- Rent or mortgage:
 - Taxes:
 - Homeowner's or Renter's Insurance.....
 - Required Maintenance Charges:
 - Standard Utility Allowance:
- (Refer to **Table C** in MA-2270)

a.
b. +
c. +
d. +
e. +
Total
E.
- \$
E.2

E. Total from Shelter Costs (D., above)

- Subtract the SES amount from MA-2270.....
- Result is the excess shelter expense.

Total
(SES)

Key: **A. Maximum available from ISP**
 B. CUSP's Gross Income

C. Base Allowance
C.2.b CUSP's Needs

E. Total Shelter cost
E.2 Excess Shelter Costs

F. Enter Excess Shelter Expense (see E.2., above).....
 Add to Base Allowance to determine total needs.....

E.2.
+
F.
G.1.a.
-
G.1.b

G. Are TOTAL NEEDS greater than Combined Maximum listed in MA-2270?

TOTAL NEEDS:

SUBTRACT GROSS INCOME:

- NO. TOTAL NEEDS are less than or equal to Combined Maximum.
 - SUBTRACT CUSP's GROSS INCOME from TOTAL NEEDS
 - Round down to nearest dollar and go to H.

Adjusted NEEDS:

- YES. TOTAL NEEDS exceed Combined Maximum.

Combined Maximum:

- Enter Combined Maximum Listed in MA-2270
- SUBTRACT CUSP'S GROSS INCOME
- Round down to nearest dollar and go to H.

(G.2.b.) GROSS:

Adjusted NEEDS:

G.2.a
(G.2.b.) GROSS:
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G.2.c

H. Are adjusted needs (from G.1.b or G.2.c above) LESS THAN the maximum available from ISP?

- YES.
 - DEEM adjusted needs amount from ISP to CUSP.
 - SUBTRACT adjusted needs from maximum available.
 - RESULT is PML.
- NO.
 - DEEM maximum available from ISP to CUSP.
 - PML is zero.

NOTE: ISP or CUSP can choose for a lesser amount to be deemed; greater amount must be established by the terms of formal separation, court order, or appeal.

DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER ALLOWANCE

Rules for Dependent Family Members (DFM) Allowance

- Dependent must live with CUSP and be claimed as dependent for income tax purposes by either a/r or CUSP.
- There must be income left after subtracting CUSP allowance from maximum available protection.
- DFM allowance for maximum, refer to MA-2270, VII., is calculated separately for each DFM.

A. DFM Allowance Amount – Calculate separately for each DFM, as follows:

- Enter the Spouse Base Allowance (see MA 2270, VI.B.)
- Subtract each DFM's gross monthly income, including SSI.
Prorate Work First. Allow no deductions.

Remainder:

- Divide the remainder by 3.
- Round down to the nearest dollar, not to exceed maximum.

(for maximum, refer to MA-2270)

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B. Allocation for Dependents Only (A/R has dependents, but no spouse.)

- Enter medically needy PLA maintenance amount for number of dependents:
- Enter total gross monthly income of dependents.
 - If the total gross is less than maintenance: Deem difference to dependents.
 - If total gross is equal to or greater than PLA maintenance, do not protect any amount of income for the dependents.

PLA MAIN.

GROSS

DEEM

Note: The amount of income that is deemed to the dependent family member is countable income for the dependent who is a Medicaid applicant or recipient.