

# **DHB ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO: 08-23, 2023 SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT STANDARDS**

**DATE:** June 14, 2023

**SUBJECT:** 2023 Spousal Impoverishment Standards

**DISTRIBUTION:** County Directors  
Medicaid Supervisors  
Medicaid Staff

## **I. BACKGROUND**

The Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) 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<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **II. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE AND IMPLEMENTATION**


**A. The Basic Spousal Allowance is \$2,465 effective July 1, 2023.**

**B. The Excess Shelter Cost is \$740 effective July 1, 2023.**

1. For applications, use the new amounts when determining eligibility for all months beginning July 1, 2023.
2. For existing cases, apply the new amounts at the first change in situation or review effective on or after July 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your [Medicaid Operational Support Team Representative](#).

DocuSigned by:

  
06565C1C2A8F4C8...  
Jay Ludlam

Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid