

DHB ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO: 05-19, SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT STANDARDS

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SUBJECT: 2019 Spousal Impoverishment Standards

DISTRIBUTION: County Departments of Social Services
Medicaid Supervisors
Medicaid Eligibility Staff

I. BACKGROUND

The minimum community spouse income 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 1st of each year.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE AND IMPLEMENTATION

A. The Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMNA) is \$2114 effective July 1, 2019.

B. The Shelter Standard is \$635 effective July 1, 2019.

1. For applications, use the new amounts when determining eligibility for all months beginning July 1, 2019.
2. For existing cases, apply the new amounts at the first change in situation or review effective on or after July 1, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Operational Support Team representative.



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