

# CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL, NO 01-02, Spousal Income Protection

**DATE:** MAY 22, 2001

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

**Change No.** 01-02

**To:** County Directors of Social Services

**Effective:** July 1, 2001 Make the following change(s)

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## I. CONTENT OF CHANGE

### Spousal Income Protection

The following amounts for calculating the community spouse income allowance and the dependent family member allowance are revised based on the increase in the federal poverty level.

- A. The basic spousal allowance is increased from \$1407 to \$1452.**
- B. The shelter standard is increased from \$423 to \$436.**
- C. The maximum dependent allowance is increased from \$469 to \$484.**

NOTE: There is no change in the maximum community spouse income allowance.

## II. IMPLEMENTATION

These changes are effective July 1, 2001.

### A. Applications

Apply the new amounts in determining spousal income allowances and dependent family member allowances effective on or after July 1, 2001. For the months prior to July 1, 2001, use the old amounts.

### B. Ongoing Cases

Rebudget ongoing cases at the first redetermination/review or change in situation effective July 1, 2001 or later.

1. For reviews or changes in situation in process or begun on or after receipt of this change notice, use these amounts to determine the patient liability effective July 1, 2001 or later. Use old amounts for months prior to July 1, 2001.
2. For all other cases apply these amounts at the next review or change in situation.

### **III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

**A. Remove MA-2270 pages 9 & 10 and pages 13-16.**

**B. Insert attached MA-2270 pages 9 & 10 and pages 13-16 effective July 1, 2001.**

Please refer questions to your Medicaid Program Representative.

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