



AGENCY LETTER

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DIVISION OR OFFICE: HEALTH INFORMATION OFFICE

SUBJECT AREA: LONG-TERM CARE FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

SUBJECT: SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT 2016 INCREASE TO THE MINIMUM MONTHLY MAINTENANCE NEEDS ALLOWANCE (MMMNA)

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Purpose:

The purpose of this agency letter is to advise the eligibility sites of the increase to the Community Spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and Shelter Allowance.

Please share this letter with all eligibility technicians, supervisors and administrators that manage nursing facilities, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and other outside agencies, as appropriate.

Background:

When one spouse is in an institution, such as a nursing home or HCBS, the MMMNA and the shelter allowance are a portion of the couple's combined resources that is protected for the spouse living in the community to prevent that spouse's impoverishment.

The standard maintenance allowance for the community spouse is based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and is adjusted on July 1 every year. The MMMNA is equal to 150 percent (150%) of the FPL for a family of two. The Shelter Allowance is equal to 30 percent (30%) of the approved MMMNA and is also being increased based on the adjusted FPL.



Procedure or Information:

MMMNA

2016: \$2,003

Shelter Allowance

2016: \$601

Effective Date:

July 1, 2016

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