



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this operational memo is to advise 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 staff, 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.

Information:

The MMMNA and Shelter Allowance is used to determine the amount of the institutionalized spouse's income that the community spouse is allowed to retain to meet their monthly living needs.

The standard maintenance allowance for the community spouse is based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and is adjusted each year on July 1. 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.

2023 Allowances:

2023 MMMNA \$2,465

2023 Shelter Allowance \$739.50

Action To Be Taken:

CBMS was updated as of July 1, 2023 to reflect the updated MMMNA allowance limits. Eligibility Sites should ensure these updated limits are being applied in calculations to make an accurate eligibility determination.

Attachment(s):

None

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