



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:

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

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.

Action To Be Taken:

Eligibility Sites must refer to the following updated MMMNA and Shelter Allowance guidelines as of July 1, 2025, when making an eligibility determination for LTC.

2025 MMMNA \$2,643.75

2025 Shelter Allowance \$793.13

Attachment(s):

None

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