CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 01-05, SPOUSAL INCOME PROTECTION

DATE: MAY 1, 2004

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

Change No: **01-05**

To: **County Directors of Social Services**

Effective: **July 1, 2004**

I.   CONTENT OF CHANGE

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.

  1.   **The basic spousal allowance is increased from $1,515 to $1,562.**

  2.   **The shelter standard is increased from $455 to $469.**

  3.   **The maximum dependent allowance is increased from $505 to $521.**

There is no change in the maximum community spouse income allowance. It increased to $2,319 effective January 1, 2004.

II.   IMPLEMENTATION

These changes are effective July 1, 2004.

A. Applications

Apply the new amounts in determining spousal income allowances and dependent family member allowances effective on or after July 1, 2004. For the months prior to July 1, 2004, use the old amounts.

B. Ongoing Cases

Rebudget ongoing cases at the first redetermination/review or change in situation effective July 1, 2004, or later.

a. 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 monthly liability effective July 1, 2004 or later. Use old amounts for months prior to July 1, 2004.

b. For all other cases apply these amounts at the next review or change in situation.

III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove: MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, pages 9 and 10, 13-16, and Figure 6, Community Spouse Income Allowance Worksheet.

Insert: MA-2270, pages 9 and 10,13-16 and Figure 6, Community Spouse Income Allowance Worksheet, effective July 1, 2004.

Please refer questions to your Medicaid Program Representative.

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