

# CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL 08-13, SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT STANDARDS

**DATE: JUNE 11, 2013**

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

**Change No:** 08-13

**To:** County Directors of Social Services

**Effective:** July 1, 2013

## **I. BACKGROUND**

The Minimum community spousal income allowance and shelter standard are based on the federal poverty level and are adjusted effective July 1 of each year.

## **II. CONTENT OF CHANGE**

MA-2270 Long Term Care Need and Budgeting has been revised to adjust the amounts for community spouse income allowance and shelter standard based on the federal poverty level increase.

The Medicaid Eligibility Chart and Financial Eligibility Fact Sheet are also revised with new standard amounts.

## **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Effective July 1, 2013

### **A. Spousal Impoverishment Standards**

#### **1. Applications:**

Apply the new amounts in determining spousal income allowance and shelter standard effective on or after July 1, 2013. For months prior to July 1, 2013, use the old amount.

#### **2. Ongoing Cases**

Apply the amounts in determining spousal income allowance and shelter standard at the first re-determination/review or change in situation effective July 1, 2013 or later.

- a. For re-determinations/reviews in process or begun on or after receipt of this change notice use the amounts to determine patient monthly liability effective July 1, 2013 or later.
- b. For all other cases apply these amounts at the next re-determination/review or change in situation.

#### **IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

**A. Remove: MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, pages 11-12, 14-15, and 17-18.**

**Insert: [MA-2270](#), Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, pages 11-12, 14-15, and 17-20**

If you have any questions regarding this information contact a Medicaid Program Representative.

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