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SUBJECT: **Spousal Impoverishment Income Allowance FPL Adjustment**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** MEH 18.6

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2014

**PURPOSE:**

This memo provides local agencies with the 2014 amounts for the Community Spouse Income Allowance and the Spousal Impoverishment Family Member Income Allowance.

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) published its annual update of the Poverty Income Guidelines (a.k.a., Federal Poverty Level, or FPL) in the Federal Register in January. These guidelines are available at the following website:

<http://aspe.dhhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml>.

Income limits and other amounts used in eligibility determinations for some categories of Medicaid (MA) are based upon the FPL. In addition, Federal and State law mandates that some of the income limit changes published in January, related to Spousal Impoverishment, have a delay in their effective dates. Those changes are indicated in this Operations Memo.

**CARES:**

The Spousal Impoverishment Community Spouse Income Allowance Allocation, Shelter Base Amount and the Spousal Impoverishment Family Member Income Allowance will increase effective July 1, 2014, in accordance with State and Federal Law. The new limits will be in CARES on Table TMEP, on May 30, 2014. CARES eligibility redeterminations for July benefits will occur as part of a mass change on the weekend of June 14th, 2014.

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE**

ITEM	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2014	New Amount Effective 07/01/14
Minimum Allocation	\$2,585.00	<b>\$2,621.67</b>
Shelter Base Amount	\$ 775.50	<b>\$ 786.50</b>

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT FAMILY MEMBER INCOME ALLOWANCE**

Group Size	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2014	Amount Effective 07/01/14
Each eligible family member	\$ 646.25	<b>\$ \$655.42</b>

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