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<b>PRIORITY: HIGH</b>					

**SUBJECT:** Spousal Impoverishment Income Allowance

**CROSS REFERENCE:** MEH 5.10.6, Operations Memo 06-08

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2006

**PURPOSE:**

This memo provides local agencies with the 2006 amounts for the Community Spouse Income Allowance and the Spousal Impoverishment Family Member Income Allowance. Below are updated tables, effective dates and cross references for these programs.

**BACKGROUND**

The U.S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has published its annual update of the Poverty Income Guidelines (a.k.a., Federal Poverty Level, or FPL) in the Federal Register. 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. This increase in the federal FPL will result in changes to the MA income limits as specified in this Operations Memo.

**POLICY CHANGE**

The Spousal Impoverishment Community Spouse Income Allowance Minimum Allocation, Shelter Base Amount, and the Spousal Impoverishment Family Member Income Allowance will increase effective July 1, 2006.

**CARES**

CARES eligibility re-determinations will occur as part of a mass change on the weekend of June 10, 2006 and will affect the July benefit month. CARES table TMEP has been updated with the new limits.

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE**

Effective: **07/01/2006**  
Cross Reference: MEH 5.10.6

ITEM	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2006	Amount Effective 07/01/06
Minimum Allocation	\$2,138.33	<b>\$2,200.00</b>
Shelter Base Amount	\$641.50	<b>\$660.00</b>

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT FAMILY MEMBER INCOME ALLOWANCE**

Effective: **07/01/2006**  
Cross Reference: MEH 5.10.6.

Group Size	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2006	Amount Effective 07/01/06
Each eligible family member	\$534.58	<b>\$550.00</b>

**CONTACTS**

BEM CARES Information & Problem Resolution Center

★Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – Food Stamp Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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