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PRIORITY: HIGH					

SUBJECT: **Spousal Impoverishment Income Allowance**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** MEH 5.10.6, Operations Memo 07-10

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2007

**PURPOSE:**

This memo provides local agencies with the 2007 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) 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 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, 2007 in accordance with State and Federal Law.

**CARES**

CARES table TMEP was updated 6/28/07 with the new limits. CARES eligibility re-determinations for August benefits will occur as part of a mass change on the weekend of July 14, 2007.

Spousal Impoverishment cases will need to have their nursing home liability and waivers cost share amounts for July re-determined with the new limits. A report will be generated and provided to Income Maintenance agencies for these cases.

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE**

Effective: **07/01/2007**

Cross Reference: MEH 5.10.6

ITEM	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2007	Amount Effective 07/01/07
Minimum Allocation	\$2,200.00	<b>\$2,281.67</b>
Shelter Base Amount	\$660.00	<b>\$684.50</b>

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT FAMILY MEMBER INCOME ALLOWANCE**

Effective: **07/01/2007**

Cross Reference: MEH 5.10.6.

Group Size	Old Amount Effective until 07/01/2007	Amount Effective 07/01/07
Each eligible family member	\$550.00	<b>\$570.42</b>

**CONTACTS**

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★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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