

## **Policy Clarification - Medicaid – Long Term Care PMN-17269-468**

**Date: August, 2014**

**Subject: October 2014 Mass Change**

Will there be an automated mass change of Long Term Care (LTC) spousal records this October? Will the Standard Utility Allowances (SUAs) used to compute the spousal allowance in LTC budgets change effective October 1, 2014?

### **Response by: Division of Health Services**

Yes, the automated mass change for LTC spousal records will run the weekend of October 5, 2014. Two of the SUAs will change in October 2014. The SUAs that will increase are the Heating and Non-Heating SUAs. The SUAs effective October 1, 2014 are as follows:

<b>Heating Standard =</b>	<b>\$557.00</b>
<b>Non-Heating Standard =</b>	<b>\$289.00</b>
Homeless Standard=	\$143.00
Limited SUA=	\$55.00
Telephone SUA=	\$33.00

It is expected that approximately 476 alerts will be set statewide. In order for the change in the cost of care to be effective October 1, 2014 these alerts must be processed no later than October 31, 2014.

This policy clarification supersedes PMN 16804-468 - October 2013 Mass Change.