

# Policy Clarifications - Medicaid - Long Term Care PMN- 16300-468

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**Agency: CAOs**

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Will the Standard Utility Allowances (SUAs) used to compute the spousal allowance in Long-Term Care (LTC) budgets change effective October 1, 2012?  
Will there be an automated mass change of LTC spousal records this October?

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**Response By: Division of Health Services**

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The majority of the SUAs will remain unchanged in October 2012. The only SUA that will increase is the Limited SUA. The SUAs effective October 1, 2012 are as follows:

Heating Standard = \$ 536.00

Non-Heating Standard = \$ 278.00

Homeless Standard = \$ 143.00

**Limited SUA = \$ 54.00**

Telephone SUA = \$ 33.00

No, there will not be an automated October 2012 mass change on LTC spousal records. Currently in production, there are 21 LTC spousal cases that use the Limited SUA to determine a spousal allowance. Instead of running the automated October mass change, County Assistance Offices (CAOs) with LTC budgets utilizing the Limited SUA will receive a list of cases in the beginning of October 2012. The CAOs must run eligibility on these budgets in the month of October so that the spousal allowance and cost of care are updated effective October 1, 2012.