

Policy Clarification Medicaid – Long Term Care PMN-19000-468

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Revised Spousal Maintenance Allowance Effective July 1, 2018

Questions: 1) Have the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MinMMNA), Excess Shelter Standard, and Dependent Allowance figures under Spousal Impoverishment changed for July 1, 2018?

2) How must caseworkers process retroactive openings after the July mass change?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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1) Yes, the amounts will increase effective July 1, 2018 and have been updated in eCIS.

The new amounts are as follows:

Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MinMMNA) Effective July 1, 2018 - \$2,058.00

Excess Monthly Shelter Standard Effective July 1, 2018 - \$618.00

Dependent Living with Community Spouse Allowance Effective July 1, 2018 - \$2,058.00

- 2) When the caseworker needs to process a retroactive opening for Long Term Care, and the start date entered on the Program Request screen is for May or prior, the caseworker must use a two-step process:
- Open non-continuous eligibility periods from the start of the retroactive period until June 30, 2018, then,
 - Open an ongoing request with a July 1, 2018 start date.

The two-step process ensures that the correct reference table values for the MinMMNA, Excess Monthly Shelter Standard, and Dependent Living with Community Spouse Allowance are used in the eligibility determination.

If the start date entered on the Program Request screen is in June or later, then the eligibility determination will use the correct reference table values.

Failure to follow this process for retroactive openings will lead to an incorrectly increased cost of care for the period of July through September because eligibility will use only the reference table values effective July 1, 2017.

This clarification supersedes [PMN-18514-468](#), which is obsolete.