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TO: Economic Self-Sufficiency Operations Managers
Economic Self-Sufficiency Program Offices

FROM: Lawayne E. Salter, Chief, Program Policy (**Signature on File**)

SUBJECT: Spousal Impoverishment Standards (SSI-Related Programs)

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2013

This memorandum is to provide staff with the new spousal impoverishment standards effective July 1 to compute income allowances for community spouses of institutionalized individuals under the Institutional Care Program. These standards also apply under the Assisted Living Waiver, Cystic Fibrosis, Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Long-Term Care Community Diversion Project.

Spousal Impoverishment Income Standards

Minimum Monthly Maintenance Income Allowance (MMMIA)

| <u>July 1, 2012</u> | <u>July 1, 2013</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$1892 | \$1939 |

Excess Shelter Standard

| <u>July 1, 2012</u> | <u>July 1, 2013</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$568 | \$582 |

What Staff Must Do: Effective with the month of July 2013, staff must use the new 2013 standards to compute all community spouse allowances. Allowances for months prior to July 2013 must be calculated using the 2012 standards.

FLORIDA Instructions: The FLORIDA TMEP reference table has been updated to reflect the new standards for cases processed effective July 2013. A mass change will be run this month for July changes. FLORIDA notices will be generated if this causes a change in the client's patient responsibility or the community spouse's income allowance.

After mass change is completed a system broadcast message will be posted on FLORIDA. The message will advise staff when the Mass Change Exception report is available. Staff must take appropriate action on cases appearing on the exception report.

If there are policy questions, Regional offices may call Carrie Sheffield at (850) 717-4138. If there are technology or systems questions, please contact Lynn Rossow at (850) 717-4100.

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