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

**FROM:** Dianna Laffey, Chief, Program Policy (**Signature on File**)

**SUBJECT:** Spousal Impoverishment Standards (SSI-Related Programs)

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2014

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This memorandum is to provide staff with the new spousal impoverishment standards effective July 1, 2014, to compute income allowances for community spouses of institutionalized individuals under the Institutional Care Program. These standards also apply under the Cystic Fibrosis, Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Waiver (SMMC-LTC).

To align with federal reference to spousal impoverishment terminology, the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Income Allowance (MMMIA) will now be referred to as the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA).

**Spousal Impoverishment Income Standards**

**Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)**

| <u>July 1, 2013</u> | <u>July 1, 2014</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$1939              | \$1966              |

**Excess Shelter Standard**

| <u>July 1, 2013</u> | <u>July 1, 2014</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$582               | \$590               |

The maximum monthly community spouse income allowance remains \$2931.

**What Staff Must Do:** Effective July 1, 2014, staff must use the new 2014 standards to compute all community spouse allowances. Allowances for months prior to July 2014 must be calculated using the 2013 standards.

**FLORIDA Instructions:** The FLORIDA TMEP reference table has been updated to reflect the new standards for cases processed effective July 1, 2014. A mass change will be run this month for July changes. FLORIDA notices will be generated if there is a change in the client's patient responsibility or the community spouse's income allowance.

After the 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 Vonsenita Tranquille at (850) 717-4238. If there are technology or systems questions, please contact Lynn Rossow at (850) 717-4100.

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