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SUBJECT: Spousal Impoverishment Standards (SSI-Related Programs)

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2017

This memorandum provides staff with the new spousal impoverishment standards effective July 1, 2017, used to compute income allowances for community spouses of institutionalized individuals under the Institutional Care Program. The standards also apply under the iBudget, Cystic Fibrosis, Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Waiver (SMMC-LTC).

Staff must use the new 2017 standards to compute all community spouse allowances in budgets for months effective July 2017 and ongoing. Community spouse allowances for months prior to July 2017 must be calculated using the 2016 standards.

Spousal Impoverishment Standards

Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)

<u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>July 1, 2017</u>
\$2003	\$2030

Excess Shelter Standard

<u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>July 1, 2017</u>
\$601	\$609

The maximum monthly community spouse income allowance remains at \$3023.

FLORIDA Instructions: The FLORIDA TMEP reference table has been updated to reflect the new standards for cases processed effective July 1, 2017. A mass change will be run for these 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, region program offices may contact Nathan Lewis at Nathan.Lewis@myflfamilies.com. If there are any technology or systems questions, please contact Ron Hardcastle at Ron.Hardcastle@myflfamilies.com.

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