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

FROM: Julie Reed, Chief, Program Policy
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SUBJECT: Spousal Impoverishment Standards (SSI-Related Programs) –
Updated 2026

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2026

This transmittal provides the 2026 Spousal Impoverishment Standards used to compute income allowance for community spouses of institutionalized individuals under the Institutional Care Program (ICP), Home and community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver, and Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). The standards apply to ICP, PACE and the following waiver types in HCBS, iBudget, and the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care, Long-Term Care Waiver (SMMC-LTC).

This Transmittal supersedes all other prior transmittals including Transmittal NO.: I-25-06-0006.

Updated Policy

Staff must use the updated 2026 Spousal Impoverishment Standards to compute all community spouse allowance in budgets effective July 1, 2026, and ongoing. Community spouse allowance for months prior to July 1, 2026, must be calculated using the standards effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Spousal Impoverishment Standards		
	7/1/2025 (Previous)	7/1/2026 (Updated)
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)	\$2,644	\$2,705
Excess Shelter Standards	\$794	\$812

The maximum monthly community spouse income allowance is \$4,067 and remains the same through December 31, 2026. The new amount for the maximum monthly community spouse income allowance is tentatively scheduled to change effective January 2027.

Appendix A-9 SSI-Related Programs – Financial Eligibility Standards has been updated with the amounts indicated in the transmittal.

System Instructions

The FLORIDA TMEP reference table will reflect the new standards for cases processing effective July 1, 2026. 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 Mass Change Exception Report will be available. Staff must take appropriate action on cases appearing on the exception report.

Regional Program Offices with policy questions related to this transmittal should submit them through the Policy Technical Assistance Request page. For system-related questions, regional offices may contact Laquetta Anderson at Laquetta.Anderson@myflfamilies.com.

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**SSI-RELATED MEDICAID COVERAGE GROUPS
FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS July 2026**

Coverage Group SSI/FBR \$994 - Individual	Income Limit	Asset Limit
ICP/HCBS/Hospice- Individual (300% FBR) *	\$ 2,982	\$ 2,000
ICP/HCBS/Hospice – Couple*	\$ 5,964	\$ 3,000
HCBS/Working People w/Disabilities – Individual (WPwD) (550% FBR) *	\$ 5,467	\$ 2,000 \$13,000 Disregard
HCBS/Working People w/Disabilities – Couple (WPwD) *	\$ 10,934	\$ 3,000 \$24,000 Disregard
MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Individual (88% FPL) **	\$1,171	\$ 5,000
MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Couple **	\$1,588	\$ 6,000
Medically Needy, MNIL-(I)-No income limit	\$ 180	\$ 5,000
Medically Needy, MNIL-(C)-No income limit (Subtract from gross income)	\$ 241	\$ 6,000
Working Disabled Individual (200% FPL) **	\$ 2,660	\$ 5,000
Working Disabled Couple**	\$ 3,607	\$ 6,000
Medicare Part B*	\$ 202.90	N/A
Medicare Part A*	Free for most or \$ 565	
Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)		
NH-ICP/HCBS/Hospice/PACE	\$ 160	
Hospice (Community) 100% FPL **	\$ 1,330	
ALF-PACE/SMMC-HCBS **	R&B+ 20% FPL (Individual \$266) / (Couple \$532)	
Community/iBudget*	\$ 2,982	
Maintenance Needs Standards/Other		
Standard Disregard	\$ 20	
Earned Income (EI) Disregard	\$ 65 + ½ EI	
Student Earned Income Disregard Limit	\$ 2,410 monthly, Maximum \$ 9,730 per calendar year	
Spouse Deeming = ½ FBR	\$ 497	
Child Allocation	\$ 497/child (Difference between the couple and single FBR)	
Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)	\$ 1,690 per month <i>non blind</i> and \$ 2,830 <i>blind</i>	
Spousal Impoverishment Standards		
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)***	\$2,705	
CSMIA*	\$ 4,067	
Excess Shelter Standard***	\$ 812	
CSRA*	\$ 162,660	
Home Equity Interest Limit *	\$ 752,000	
Transfer of Asset Divisor (04/01/2025)	\$ 10,645	
Community Hospice Allocations		
Spouse only	FBR (\$994)	
Spouse + Dependents or Dependents Only	CNS Standard	

*These Standards change effective January 1 of each year in accordance with federal law

** These Standards change effective April 1 of each year in accordance with federal law

*** These Standards change effective July 1 of each year in accordance with federal law