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**MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO. 12-01**

**DATE: January 9, 2012**

**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors  
Institutional Services Section (ISS) Area Supervisors  
Statewide Eligibility Determination Agency

**SUBJECT:** Adjustment to Spousal Impoverishment Resource Eligibility  
Figures

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have advised this Agency of the new resource figures to be used in determining resource eligibility of an institutionalized adult when he or she has a spouse in the community. These new amounts will be effective January 1, 2012.


**The new minimum community spouse's share of resources is \$22,728.00, and the maximum is \$113,640.00** increasing from \$21,912.00 and \$109,560.00 respectively. As you are aware, these new figures are to be used, beginning in the month of January, 2012, in the determination of the community spouse's share and resource eligibility for all institutional cases including applicants for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) when there is a community spouse. The new figures apply even if the community spouse's share had been determined in a previous resource assessment.

Example: Mr. Smith entered a long term care facility on October 15, 2011. He and his wife had combined resources of \$300,000. The community spouse's share of the resources would have been established at \$109,560.00 at the time of the resource assessment. Because the Smiths' resources still exceeded \$111,560.00 (the community spouse's share plus the \$2,000.00 program resource limit), Mr. Smith had not yet attained Medicaid eligibility.

Beginning January 1, 2012, the community spouse's share in this case increased to \$113,640.00. Resource eligibility will exist once the Smiths' countable resources are equal to or less than \$115,640.00.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Communication, please refer them to the Division's Office of Eligibility Policy field service staff for your agency at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,



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