



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
UNIFORM POLICY MANUAL

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SUBJECT: Long Term Services and Supports Medicaid Increase to the Community Spouse Minimum Monthly Needs Allowance (MMNA), Base Shelter Amount and Average Cost of Long Term Facility Care.

This transmits new amounts for the MMNA, Base Shelter amount and average cost of long term facility care. The MMNA and Base Shelter amount are used to compute Community Spousal and Family Allowances for Long Term Services and Supports Medicaid clients. The average cost of long term facility care is used to compute transfer of asset penalty periods.

Effective July 1, 2014 the amount of the MMNA is \$1,966.25. The Base Shelter amount is \$589.88. The community spouse's minimum and maximum protected amounts and the limit to the community spouse's MMNA are increased on January 1 of each year to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index. We will revise the UPM with the new amounts for 2015 shortly.

The average cost of long term care at the private rate increased from \$11,581.00 to \$11,851.00 per month. The new amount should be used to determine penalty periods for individuals who apply on or after July 1, 2014 and for recipients who became institutionalized on or after July 1, 2014.

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Minimum Monthly Needs Allowance (MMNA)

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1. Calculate the shelter costs of the community spouse by adding:
 - rent costs or mortgage payments; and
 - real estate taxes; and
 - real estate insurance; and
 - the Food Stamp Standard Utility allowance (SUA).
 2. Determine the excess shelter allowance by subtracting \$589.88 from the amount calculated in step 1 (\$589.88 is 30% of \$1,966.25 which is 150% of the poverty level for two) (Cross-Reference: 5035.30).
 3. If the amount calculated in step 2 is greater than zero, go to step 5.
 4. If the amount calculated in step 2 is zero or less, use \$1,966.25 as the MMNA.
 5. Add the amount calculated in step 2 to \$1,966.25 (Cross-Reference 5035.30).
 6. If the amount calculated in step 5 is \$2,931.00 or less, use the actual amount as the MMNA.
 7. If the amount calculated in step 5 is greater than \$2,931.00, use \$2,931.00 as the MMNA.
 8. If a Fair Hearing decision requires a figure higher than those referred to in Steps 6 and 7, use the amount decided upon from the Fair Hearing decision.

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Community Family Allowance (CFA)

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1. Determine if there is a community spouse.
 2. If there is no community spouse stop here. Go to "Calculating Applied Income for LTCF Units Without Community Spouses" (Cross Reference: P-5045.25).
 3. If there is a community spouse, determine if there are any family members living with the community spouse who are eligible for a CFA.
 4. Determine the eligible family member's monthly gross income.
 5. Subtract the gross monthly income of the eligible family member from \$1,966.25 (150% of the monthly poverty level for two) (Cross Reference: 5035.35).
 6. Divide the amount calculated in step 5 by 3 to determine the CFA.