



Date: May 23, 2023

DMS Operations Memo 23-16

To: Income Maintenance Supervisors  
Income Maintenance Lead Workers  
Income Maintenance Staff

**Affected Programs:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BadgerCare Plus     | <input type="checkbox"/> Caretaker Supplement              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FoodShare           | <input type="checkbox"/> FoodShare Employment and Training |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicaid |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SeniorCare          |  |

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**Spousal Impoverishment Income Allowance Federal Poverty Level Adjustment**

**CROSS REFERENCE**

- Medicaid Eligibility Handbook, [Section 18.6 Spousal Impoverishment Income Allocation](#), [Section 39.4.2 Disabled Minors Deeming and Allowances](#), [Section 39.4.3 LTC Post-Eligibility Allowances](#) and [Section 39.4.4 LTC Spousal Impoverishment Post-Eligibility Allowances and Community Spouse Asset Share](#)
- [Social Security Act §1924\(d\)](#) and [Wis. Stat. § 49.455](#)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

July 1, 2023

**PURPOSE**

This operations memo provides the 2023 amounts for the spousal impoverishment community spouse income allowance minimum allocation, the spousal impoverishment dependent family member income allowance standard, and the shelter base amount.

**BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued its annual update of the Poverty Income Guidelines, also called the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Guidelines, on January 13, 2023. These guidelines are available at the following website: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.

Income limits and other amounts used in eligibility determinations for some categories of Medicaid are based on the FPL. Federal and state law mandates that the income limit changes related to spousal impoverishment have a delay in their effective dates. As a result, the changes are effective July 1, 2023.

**POLICY**

The spousal impoverishment community spouse income allowance minimum allocation, the spousal impoverishment dependent family member income allowance standard, and the shelter base amount will increase effective July 1, 2023. The new limits will be in CARES on May 24, 2023. CARES eligibility redeterminations for July benefits will occur on June 3, 2023, as part of a mass change.

***SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount Effective from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023</b>	<b>New Amount Effective July 1, 2023</b>
Minimum allocation	\$3,051.66	\$3,286.66
Shelter base amount	\$915.50	\$986.00

***SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT FAMILY MEMBER INCOME ALLOWANCE***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount Effective from August 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023</b>	<b>New Amount Effective July 1, 2023</b>
Dependent family member income allowance standard	\$2,288.75	\$2,465.00

Note: The spousal impoverishment family member income allowance is now calculated using the spousal impoverishment dependent family member income allowance standard. This standard took effect August 1, 2022. The income allowance standard used in July 2022 is no longer used.

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