



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
UNIFORM POLICY MANUAL

Janel Simpson, Deputy Commissioner

July 1, 2016
Effective Date

POLICY TRANSMITTAL NO.: UP-16-03

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, 2016 the amount of the MMNA is \$2,002.50. The Base Shelter amount is \$600.75. 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.

The average cost of long term care at the private rate increased from \$12,170.00 to \$12,388.00 per month. The new amount should be used to determine penalty periods for individuals who apply on or after July 1, 2016 and for recipients who became institutionalized on or after July 1, 2016.

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