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Key Medicaid standards as of April 2009

The following table shows Medicaid eligibility and other standards that will be in effect on April 1, 2009.

Standard	amount	effective
Resource standard for Medicaid applicant	\$2,000	1/1/89
Community spouse resource allowance (minimum)	\$45,104	7/1/07
Community spouse resource allowance (maximum)	\$109,560*	1/1/09
Spousal income maintenance allowance amount (minimum)	\$1,750	7/1/08
Spousal income maintenance allowance amount (maximum)	\$2,730	1/1/09
Excess shelter cost standard	\$ 525	7/1/08
Utility standard for determining excess shelter costs	\$384	10/1/08
Maximum gross income for COPES applicant**	\$2,022	1/1/09
Income allowance for single COPES participant	\$903	4/1/09
Income allowance for married COPES participant	\$674	1/1/09
Home maintenance allowance (monthly for 6 months)	\$903	4/1/09
Daily average statewide private nursing facility rate***	\$217	10/1/08
Monthly average statewide private nursing facility rate	\$6,589	10/1/08
Medically needy income level for single person	\$674	1/1/09
Medically needy income level for couple	\$674	1/1/09

*The actual amount depends on the date of institutionalization and the couple's total resources at the time of the applicant's institutionalization. See WAC 388-513-1350. The CSRA is also explained in the CLS publications Questions and Answers on Medicaid for Nursing Home Residents (Q 4) and Questions and Answers on the COPES Program (Q 7).

**For exclusions from gross income, see WAC 388-513-1340.

***This is the amount by which total gifts during a month are divided to calculate periods of ineligibility (in days).