

SENIOR BULLETIN: MEDICAID

Key Medicaid standards as of January 2009

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

| Standard | amount | effective |
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| 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 | \$867 | 4/1/08 |
| Income allowance for married COPES participant | \$674 | 1/1/09 |
| Home maintenance allowance (monthly for 6 months) | \$867 | 4/1/08 |
| 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).