

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
July 1, 2014**

IM 5210

TO: County Social Service Directors
County Eligibility Workers
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

FROM: Julie Schwab, Director, Medical Services Division

SUBJECT: **Spousal Impoverishment – Increase in Income Level
for Additional Household Members**

PROGRAMS: Medicaid

EFFECTIVE: Benefit Month of July 2014

RETENTION: Until Manualized

**SECTIONS
AFFECTED:** **Income Levels 510-05-85-40**

Effective July 1, 2014, the income level for each ineligible family member in a spousal impoverishment case is \$655 per month. This is an increase from the \$646 level effective July 1, 2013.

The Community Spouse income level remains frozen at \$2267 per month.

The income level chart has been updated and is available on the County Intranet folder.

TECS is updated to reflect this change.

A query of spousal cases authorized for July having ineligible family members was run. We will be contacting the workers involved to reprocess these cases as it should reduce the institutionalized spouse's client share.

For questions, please contact your Regional Representative.