

Par.1. **Material Transmitted and Purpose** – Transmitted with this Manual Letter are changes to Service Chapter 510-05

Par. 2. **Effective Date** – Changes included in this manual letter are effective on or after January 1, 2024, unless otherwise indicated.

1. Medicare Premium Assistance Program 510-05-60

The following manual section is being updated to reflect asset limits.

Asset Limits for the Medicare Premium Assistance Program 510-05-60-20

No person may be found eligible for the Medicare Savings Programs unless the total value of all non-excluded assets does not exceed the limit established for the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy. This amount changes annually. Effective with the benefit month of January ~~2023~~ 2024, the limits are:

1. ~~\$9,090~~ \$9,430 for a one-person unit (~~\$8,400 in 2022~~ ~~\$9,090 in 2023~~);
or
2. ~~\$13,630~~ \$14,130 for a two-person unit (~~\$12,600 in 2022~~ ~~\$13,630 in 2023~~)

2. Eligibility Under Spousal Impoverishment 510-05-65

The following manual section is being updated to reflect the community spouse asset allowance.

Community Spouse Asset Allowance 510-05-65-20

2. The community spouse asset allowance is determined by first establishing a spousal share. The spousal share is an amount equal to one half of the total value of all countable assets owned (individually or jointly) by the institutionalized, HCBS, or community spouse.

Example:

If the couple's countable assets are:	The community spouse share is:
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\$29,724 \$30,828	\$14,862 \$15,414
\$90,000	\$45,000
\$250,000	\$125,000

From the spousal share, the community spouse asset allowance is established, and is an amount that is equal to the community spouse share, but not less than ~~\$29,724~~ \$30,828, and not more than ~~\$148,620~~ \$154,140, effective January ~~2023~~ 2024 (~~\$27,480~~ ~~\$29,724~~ and ~~\$137,400~~ ~~\$148,620~~ effective January ~~2022~~ 2023).

Example:

If the Spousal share is:	The community spouse asset allowance is:
\$12,500	\$29,724 \$30,828 (at least the minimum)
\$45,000	\$45,000
\$140,000 \$180,000	\$148,620 \$154,140 (one-half is more than the maximum allowed, so the community spouse gets the maximum)

3. Assets 510-05-70

The following manual section is updating the home equity limit.

Home Equity Limit 510-05-70-27

Applicants or recipients who apply for Medicaid coverage on or after January 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 are not eligible for coverage of nursing care services (which include HCBS) if the individual's equity interest in the individual's home exceeds ~~\$688,000~~ \$713,000. The applicant or recipient may, however, be eligible for other Medicaid benefits.

4. Income 510-05-85

The following manual section is being updated per legislative change.

Income Levels 510-05-85-40

2. [Medically needy](#) income levels.
 - a. Medically needy income levels are applied when a Medicaid individual or unit resides in their own home or in a [specialized facility](#), and when a Medicaid individual has been screened as requiring nursing care, but elects to receive [HCBS](#). The income level is equal to ~~83%~~ 90% of the poverty level applicable to a Medicaid Unit of the size involved.

The Medicaid Unit size is increased for each unborn when determining the appropriate Medicaid Unit size.

Number of Persons	Monthly Income Level
1	1,009 1,094
2	1,364 1,479
3	1,720 1,865
4	2,075 2,250
5	2,431 2,636
6	2,787 3,021
7	3,142 3,407
8	3,498 3,792
9	3,853 4,178
10	4,209 4,563
(+1)	\$356 \$386
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