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MANUAL: Medical Assistance

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Spousal Impoverishment Standards

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COMMENTS

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Schedule MA-8 in the Appendix of the Manual is updated with new Spousal Impoverishment Standards **effective July 1, 2007**. The community spouse's Basic Maintenance and Shelter Allowance and the Excess Shelter Standard are increased each year, effective July 1.

If you have any questions about these policies or procedures, contact the DHMH Division of Eligibility Policy and MCHP at 410-767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 (select option 2 and request extension 1463). Questions regarding CARES processing should be directed to Cathy Sturgill at 410-238-1247 or via email at csturgil@dhr.state.md.us .

Schedule MA-8
Spousal Impoverishment Standards

	Resources	Effective
Maximum Spousal Share	\$101,640	1/1/07
Minimum Spousal Share	\$ 20,328	1/1/07

	Income	Effective
Basic Maintenance and Shelter Allowance	\$1,712	7/1/07
Excess Shelter Standard	\$ 514	7/1/07
Maximum Maintenance and Shelter Allowance (sum of Basic Maintenance and Shelter Allowance and Excess Shelter Allowance)	\$2,541	1/1/07
Utility Standards: (used to compute the community spouse's excess shelter allowance)		
Heat included in rent (LUA) (Food Stamps limited utility allowance)	\$ 197	1/1/07
Heat paid separately from housing (SUA) (Food Stamps standard utility allowance)	\$ 327	1/1/07