

STATE OF VERMONT  
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

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## Department for Children and Families

BULLETIN NO.: 04-13

**FROM:** Betsy Forrest, Deputy Commissioner  
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**DATE:** June 21, 2004

**SUBJECT:** 7/1/04 Standards Changes for Medicaid

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE 7/1/04

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### MANUAL REFERENCE(S):

P 2420 D4

**Maintain Manual - See instructions below.**

**Proposed Regulation - Retain bulletin and attachments until you receive Manual Maintenance Bulletin: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Information or Instructions - Retain until \_\_\_\_\_**

This bulletin revises the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (Standard Income Allocation) and Excess Shelter Allowance (Shelter Standard) for Medicaid based on the poverty income guidelines for families of two. This figure is updated annually by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, effective July 1.

Vertical lines in the left margin indicate significant changes. Dotted lines at the left indicate changes to clarify, rearrange, or correct references, without changing the content of the procedure.

### Manual Maintenance

### Medicaid Procedures

#### Remove

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#### Insert

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P-2420 Eligibility Determination for MedicaidD. Other Standards (Continued)**8. Allocation to Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (M432.31 and P-2430 E)**

- a. Maximum income allocation. If actual verified housing costs excluding fuel and utilities are greater than the base housing cost, allow up to the maximum allocation.

<u>Effective 1/1/04</u>	<u>(1/1/03 – 12/31/03)</u>
\$2,319.00	\$2,266.50

- b. Standard income allocation. (Maintenance income standard) This is based on 150 percent of the current poverty level for 2 people.

<u>Effective 7/1/04</u>	<u>(7/1/03 – 6/30/04)</u>
\$1,562.00	\$1,515.00

- c. Shelter standard This is 30 percent of the maintenance income standard in paragraph b, above.

<u>Effective 7/1/04</u>	<u>(7/1/03 - 6/30/04)</u>
\$ 469.00	\$ 455.00

1. Fuel and utility standard. Current food stamp fuel and utility standard is on page P-2590 A1.

<u>Effective 10/1/03</u>
\$ 384.00

2. Base housing cost

<u>Effective 10/1/03</u>	<u>(10/1/02 - 9/30/04)</u>
\$ 71.00	\$ 82.00

**9. Allocation to Each Family Member Living with a Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (M432.3)** This is the maximum allocation if family member has no income.

<u>Effective 10/1/03</u>	<u>10/1/02 - 9/30/03</u>
\$ 505.00	\$ 498.00