

STATE OF VERMONT  
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

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**Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition, and Health Access**

**FROM:** Patricia House, Commissioner  
for the Secretary

**BULLETIN NO.:** 03-14

**DATE:** July 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Medicaid Standards Changes

**CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE** 7/1/03

**INSTRUCTIONS**

     **Maintain Manual - See instructions below.**

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**MANUAL REFERENCE(S):**

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Federal law requires the standard income allocation to the community spouse and the shelter standard to equal a federal minimum, revised by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services each year, effective July 1. The department has updated both these standards in conformance with this requirement.

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

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P-2420 Eligibility Determination for Medicaid

D. Other Standards (Continued)

**8. Allocation to Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (M413.21 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 1/1/03</u>	<u>(1/1/02 – 12/31/02)</u>
\$2,266.50	\$2,232.00

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

<u>Effective 7/1/03</u>	<u>(7/1/02 – 6/30/03)</u>
\$1,515.00	\$1,493.00

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

<u>Effective 7/1/03</u>	<u>(7/1/02 - 6/30/03)</u>
\$ 455.00	\$ 448.00

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

<u>Effective 10/1/02</u>
\$ 366.00

2. Base housing cost

<u>Effective 10/1/02</u>	<u>(10/1/01 - 9/30/02)</u>
\$ 82.00	\$ 73.00

- 9. Allocation to Each Family Member Living with a Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (M413.22)** This is the maximum allocation if family member has no income.

<u>Effective 10/1/02</u>	<u>10/1/01 - 9/30/02</u>
\$ 498.00	\$ 484.00