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**MEDICAID COMMUNICATION NO:** 07-02

**DATE:** February 14, 2007

**TO:** County Welfare Agency Directors  
Institutional Services Section (ISS) Area Supervisors  
Statewide Eligibility Vendor

**SUBJECT:** Adjustment to Spousal Impoverishment Resource  
Eligibility Figures

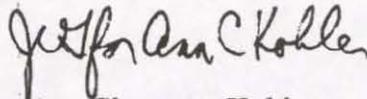
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The new minimum community spouse's share of resources is \$20,328.00, and the maximum is \$101,640.00, increasing from \$19,908.00 and \$99,540.00 respectively. These new figures are to be used, beginning with the month of January, 2007, in the determination of the community spouse's share and resource eligibility for all institutional cases when there is a community spouse. The new amounts apply to any case which has not yet been determined eligible, regardless of the date of application. The new figures apply even if the community spouse's share had been determined in a previous resource assessment.

**Example:** Mr. Smith entered a long term care facility on October 15, 2006. He and his wife had combined resources of \$200,000.00. The community spouse's share of the resources would have been established at \$99,540.00 at the time of the resource assessment. Because the Smith's resources still exceed \$101,540.00 (the community spouse's share plus the \$2,000.00 resource limit), Mr. Smith has not yet attained Medicaid eligibility. Beginning January 1, 2007, the community spouse's share in this case will increase to \$101,640.00. Resource eligibility will exist once the Smith's countable resources are equal to or less than \$103,640.00

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the field staff assigned to your county at 609-588-2556.

Sincerely,



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Resource amount used in example-revised from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00  
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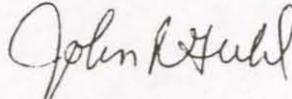
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Example:              Mr. Smith entered a long term care facility on October 15, 2006. He and his wife had combined resources of **\$300,000.00**. The community spouse's share of the resources would have been established at \$99,540.00 at the time of the resource assessment. Because the Smith's resources still exceed \$101,540.00 (the community spouse's share plus the \$2,000.00 resource limit), Mr. Smith has not yet attained Medicaid eligibility. Beginning January 1, 2007, the community spouse's share in this case will increase to \$101,640.00. Resource eligibility will exist once the Smith's countable resources are equal to or less than \$103,640.00

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