



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Region 10
2201 Sixth Avenue, MS/RX-43
Seattle, Washington 98121

JUL 25 2006

Ms. Robin Arnold-Williams, Secretary
Department Social & Health Services
P.O. Box 45010
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

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RE: TN#06-011

Rules and Publications

Dear Ms. Arnold-Williams:

The Region 10 office of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has completed its review of State Plan Transmittal Number 06-011. This transmittal allows Washington to annually adjust the community spouse's resource standard from the previous state standard of \$40,000 to an adjusted standard of \$41,943 when determining post eligibility determinations for individuals receiving long-term care services and who have a spouse living in the community. The changes are reflected in Attachment 2.6-A page 26a.

This state plan amendment is approved effective April 1, 2006.

If you have any additional question or require any further assistance, please contact Maria Garza at (206) 615-2542.

Sincerely,

Karen S. O'Connor
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health

cc: Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary
Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
06-011

2. STATE
Washington

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
April 1, 2006

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

- NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

- a. FFY 2006 <\$2,460,000>
b. FFY 2007 <\$2,460,000>

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 2.6-A, page 26a

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

Attachment 2.6-A, page 26a

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Resource Standard for Community Spouse

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

Robin Arnold-Williams

13. TYPED NAME:

ROBIN ARNOLD-WILLIAMS

14. TITLE:

Secretary

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

6-30-06

16. RETURN TO:

Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator
Department of Social and Health Services
Health and Recovery Services Administration
925 Plum St SE MS: 45533
Olympia, WA 98504-5533

17. DATE RECEIVED:

JUN 30 2006

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18. DATE APPROVED:

JUL 25 2006

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

Karen S. O'Connor

21. TYPED NAME:

Karen S. O'Connor

22. TITLE:

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTONCitation
Requirement

Condition or

1924 of the Act

15. The agency complies with the provisions of §1924 with respect to income and resource eligibility and post eligibility determinations for individuals who are expected to be institutionalized for at least 30 consecutive days and who have a spouse living in the community.

When applying the formula used to determine the amount of resources in initial eligibility determinations, the State standard for community spouses is:

___ the maximum standard permitted by law;

___ the minimum standard permitted by law; or

\$41,943 a standard that is an amount between the minimum and the maximum.

For the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and each fiscal biennium thereafter, the maximum resource allowance amount for the community spouse will be adjusted for economic trends and conditions by increasing the amount allowable by the consumer price index as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, in no case will the amount allowable exceed the maximum resource allowance permissible under the Social Security Act.