

Medicaid Desk Aid

Below is the revised version of the IDA Medicaid Desk Aid current as of January 1, 2014. This Desk Aid differs from the DHS Desk Aid as it incorporates the eligibility guidelines for the major Medicaid programs for older Iowans into a one page reference sheet. This desk aid is helpful for all serving as a resource to older Iowans and their caregivers, including options counselors, case managers, information and assistance and family caregiver staff. This Desk Aid is updated by IDA at least three times a year and disseminated to Directors through an IAIM.

The changes reflected on this Desk Aid include the following revisions made by DHS:

1. The income limit of a spouse residing in a medical facility (300% of poverty). These amounts are used to regulate the disposition of funds in a medical assistance income (Miller-type) trust. The income limit is increased from \$2,130 per month to \$2,163 per month.
2. SSI Income Payment Standards. The standard for an individual in his or her own home increases from \$710 to \$721. The standard for a couple in their own home increases from \$1,066 to \$1,082.
3. The minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance (MMMNA), applicable where there is a spouse residing in the community, is increased from \$2,898 per month to \$2,931 per month.
4. The maximum community spouse resource allowance is increased from \$115,920 to \$117,240.
5. To be eligible for Iowa's Food Assistance Program, a household's monthly income must be within specific limits for its size. Changes to these monthly income guidelines are as follows:

The **Gross** Income Limits to qualify for Food Assistance have changed as follows:

- a. For a household size of 1: increase from \$1,211 per month to \$1,245
- b. For a household size of 2: increase from \$1,640 per month to \$1,681
- c. For a household size of 3: increase from \$2,069 per month to \$2,116
- d. For a household size of 4: increase from \$2,498 per month to \$2,552
- e. For a household size of 5: increase from \$2,927 per month to \$2,987
- f. For a household size of 6: increase from \$3,356 per month to \$3,423
- g. For a household size of 7: increase from \$3,785 per month to \$3,858

The **Net** Income Limit to qualify for Food Assistance have changed as follows:

- a. For a household size of 1: increase from \$931 per month to \$958
- b. For a household size of 2: increase from \$1,261 per month to \$1,293
- c. For a household size of 3: increase from \$1,591 per month to \$1,628
- d. For a household size of 4: increase from \$1,921 per month to \$1,963
- e. For a household size of 5: increase from \$2,251 per month to \$2,298
- f. For a household size of 6: increase from \$2,581 per month to \$2,633
- g. For a household size of 7: increase from \$2,911 per month to \$2,968

In addition to the above changes reflected on the Desk Aid, the following changes have been made to the property tax credit and reimbursement.

1. The income limit for a property tax credit is changed from \$21,335 per year to the new amount of \$21,697.99 per year. This program is administered by the Iowa Department of Revenue.
2. The income limit for rent reimbursement is changed from \$21,335 per year to the new amount of \$21,697.99 per year. This program is administered by the Iowa Department of Revenue.

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