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Beginning January 1, 2012, the community spouse allowance limits increase, as does the equity limit in the homestead for Medicaid payment of long term care services. Also, at the request of the local Department of Human Services offices:

- Language in the definition of community spouse has been eliminated,
- Residency policy has been added to the manuals, and
- Several common definitions were added to several interlinked manual items.

Included with these updates are small housekeeping items such as new telephone numbers and correction of citizenship requirements for Medicaid, which were inadvertently modified by the Department of Human Services in the last publication cycle for the food assistance program.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Bridges Eligibility Manual.

Questions

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