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To: County Welfare Agency/Board of Social Services Directors

Subject: Adjustment to Spousal Impoverishment Resource Eligibility Figures

The Health Care Financing Administration has just advised of the new resource figures to be used in determining resource eligibility of an institutionalized individual when he or she has a spouse in the community (see Medicaid Communication 88-22). These new amounts are effective January 1, 1990.

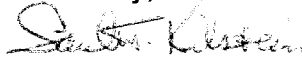
The new minimum community spouse's share of resources is \$12,516 and the maximum is \$62,580 increasing from \$12,000 and \$60,000 respectively. These new figures are to be used in the determination of the community spouse's share and resource eligibility for all institutional cases when there is a community spouse beginning with the month of January 1990. 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 of the couple's combined total resources were previously determined at a resource assessment.

Example: Mr. Jones entered a long term care facility on October 15. He and his wife had combined resources of \$130,000. The community spouse's share of the resources would have been established at \$60,000 at the time of the resource assessment. Because the Jones' resources still exceed \$62,000 (the community spouse's share plus the \$2,000 resource limit), Mr. Jones has not yet attained Medicaid eligibility. Beginning January 1, 1990, the community spouse's share in this case will increase to \$62,580. Resource eligibility will exist once the Jones' countable resources are equal to or less than \$64,580.

You are advised that the maintenance allowances for the community spouse and other dependent relatives are based on the federal poverty guideline and are, therefore, not subject to modification at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please refer them to the field service staff assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Saul M. Kilstein", written over a horizontal line.

Saul M. Kilstein
Director

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