

# **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 07-11, COMMUNITY SPOUSE RESOURCE PROTECTION**

**DATE: APRIL 28, 2011**

**Manual:** Family and Children's Medicaid  
**Change No:** 07-11  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services  
**Effective:** May 1, 2011

## **I. BACKGROUND**

Community Spouse Resource Protection is a unique reserve procedure used when a married individual is institutionalized for more than 30 days and needs help with the cost of care. This includes hospital stay when an individual is hospitalized for over 30 days. An assessment is done to determine how much of the couple's assets can be kept by the spouse at home. Community Spouse Resource Protection procedures are contained in MA-2231, Community Spouse Resource protection of the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid Manual.

## **II. CONTENT OF CHANGE**

- A. Effective 05/01/2011, new section MA-3322, Community Spouse Resource Protection is inserted in the Family and Children's Medicaid Manual. The new manual section consists of policy principles regarding Community Spouse Resource Protection and a reference to MA-2231, Community Spouse Resource protection of the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid Manual for procedures.**
- B. MA-3320, Resources, is revised to include a reference to MA-3322, Community Spouse Resource Protection.**

## **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This Policy is effective 05/01/2011.

## **IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

- A. Insert New Manual section, [MA-3322](#), Community Spouse Resource Protection.**

**B. Remove: MA-3320, Resources, pages 1-17**

**Insert: [MA-3320](#), Resources, pages 1-16**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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