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## Key Medicaid Standards as of January 2012

The following table shows Medicaid eligibility and other standards that are in effect as of January 1, 2012.

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Resource standard for Medicaid applicant	\$2,000	1/1/89
Community spouse resource allowance (minimum)	\$48,639	7/1/10
Community spouse resource allowance (maximum)	\$113,640*	1/1/12
Community spouse income maintenance allowance (minimum)	\$1,839	7/1/11
Community spouse income maintenance allowance (maximum)	\$2,841	1/1/12
Excess shelter cost standard	\$552	7/1/11
Utility standard for determining excess shelter costs	\$394	10/1/11
Maximum gross income for COPES applicant**	\$2,094	1/1/12
Income allowance for single COPES participant	\$908	4/1/11
Income allowance for married COPES participant	\$698	1/1/12
Home maintenance allowance (monthly for 6 months)	\$908	4/1/11
Daily average statewide private nursing facility rate***	\$246	10/1/11
Monthly average statewide private nursing facility rate	\$7,474	10/1/11
Medically needy income level for single person	\$698	1/1/12
Medically needy income level for couple	\$698	1/1/12

\*The actual amount depends on the date of institutionalization and the couple's total resources at the time of the applicant's institutionalization. See WAC 388-513-1350. The CSRA is also explained in the CLS publications Q & A on Medicaid for Nursing Home Residents and Q & A on the COPES Program.

\*\*For exclusions from gross income, see WAC 388-513-1340.

\*\*\*This is the amount by which total gifts in a month are divided to calculate periods of ineligibility (in days).