

Long Term Care

NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**Post-Eligibility**

Community Spouse	\$ 600.00	Shelter
Deduction:	+ 366.00	SUA
	\$ 966.00	Total Shelter/Utilities
	- 546.60	30% Min. SMS
	\$ 419.40	Excess Shelter/Utilities
	+ 1,822.00	Min. SMS
	\$ 2,241.40	
	- 950.00	Total gross monthly non-excluded income
	\$1,291.40	of Community Spouse
		CSMA
Family Maintenance	\$1,822.00	Min. SMS
Deduction:	- 585.00	Income
	\$1,237.00	Remainder ÷ 3 = \$412.33 FMA
\$2,050.00	Income	
- 50.00	Personal Needs	
\$2,000.00	Remainder	
- 1,291.40	CSMA	
\$ 708.60	Remainder	
- 412.33	FMA	
\$ 296.27	Remainder	
- 158.50	Medicare premium and doctor bill	
\$ 137.77	Resource and total contribution toward his care	

The client has a **\$137.77** resource to contribute to his care. Because there is a community spouse, the spenddown amount determined in the eligibility process is not subtracted as a non-reimbursable medical expense and is not added to the resource to determine his total contribution.

NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**17.10 ASSETS**

A nursing care client must meet the asset test for his eligibility coverage group. The asset level for those eligible by having income equal to or less than 300% of the monthly SSI payment for an individual is the same as for an SSI-Related Medicaid eligible. When both spouses are institutionalized and apply for nursing facility services, the SSI-Related Medicaid asset limit for a couple is used to determine eligibility. An asset assessment is not completed when both spouses are institutionalized. See Chapter 11 for the asset limit of the appropriate coverage group.

Once the Worker determines the value of the assets, an Asset Assessment, described in item A below, is completed when an institutionalized person has a spouse in the community.

NOTE: Once Medicaid eligibility is established, the assets of the community spouse are not counted for the institutionalized spouse. In addition, when assets such as the home and attributed assets legally transferred to the community spouse are subsequently transferred by him, no penalty is applied to the institutionalized spouse.

A. ASSET ASSESSMENTS

NOTE: A legally married individual and his spouse, although separated, are treated as a couple for the Asset Assessment, regardless of the length of the separation.

When determining eligibility for nursing facility services for an individual, institutionalized on or after 9/30/89, and who has a community spouse, the Worker must complete an assessment of the couple's combined countable assets. The assessment is completed, when requested by the client or his representative, prior to application, or at application, if not previously completed. It is completed as of the first continuous period of institutionalization and is completed one time only. The first continuous period of institutionalization is the date the client first enters the nursing facility and remains for at least 30 days or is reasonably expected to remain for 30 days at the time the individual enters the facility. The spousal limits in effect at the time the assessment is completed are used.

The assessment is completed on form IM-NL-AC-1 or in RAPIDS. See the RAPIDS User Guide. The purpose of the Asset Assessment is to allow the spouse of an institutionalized individual to retain a reasonable portion of the couple's assets and to prevent the impoverishment of the community spouse.