

Medi-Cal Program Guide Letter (MPG) # 793

June 4, 2013

Subject **SPOUSAL ALLOCATION TO AN AT HOME SSI SPOUSE OR CHILD**

Effective Upon Receipt

Reference All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) 90-03 and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Clarification

Purpose To inform staff that spousal allocations are allowed for an at home SSI spouse or child.

Background Allocation regulations did not apply to the at home SSI spouse or child.

Highlighted Changes Allocations are allowed to an at home spouse or child who receives SSI.

Required Action Staff will allow spousal allocations to an at home spouse or child who receive SSI.

Automation Impact Staff must complete the Collect Long Term Care Detail window as outlined in How To 436 to allow spousal allocations to an at home spouse or child who receives SSI.

Forms Impact No Impact

ACCESS Impact No Impact

Imaging Impact No Impact

PA (CalFresh or CalWORKs) Program No Impact

Impact

Quality Control (QC) Impact

Effective with the July 2013 review month. QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this letter.

Summary of Changes

The table below shows the changes made in the MPG cites.

Section	Summary of Change
Article 10, Section 05	• Added Spousal allocation to an at home SSI spouse or child

Approval for Release

Pat Wilson, Dep. Director 6-24-13

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10.05.04 Allocation/Deeming and Special Case Situations

A. Introduction

Allocations must be computed for MFBU's including the following:

ACWDL
91-84

Term	Definition
Community Spouse	A person who is not an inpatient in a medical or nursing facility, and who is married to an institutionalized spouse. NOTE: The community spouse may live at home or in a Board & Care facility.
Institutionalized Spouse	Defined in MPG 01.01.01.c
Dependent Family Members	Minor or dependent children, parents or siblings of either spouse provided these individuals reside with the community spouse. Dependency is defined as any person who has any physical, emotional or financial dependency. NOTE: Stepchildren shall be treated as natural children of the person in LTC or Board & Care.

NOTE: Allocations are allowed to an at home spouse or child who receives SSI. Staff must complete the Collect Long Term Care Detail window as outlined in [How To 436](#) to allow spousal allocations to an at home spouse or child who receives SSI.

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