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## Key Medicaid standards as of July 2010

The following table shows Medicaid eligibility and other standards that are in effect as of July 1, 2010.

<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)	\$109,560*	1/1/09
Community spouse income maintenance allowance (minimum)	\$1,822	7/1/09
Community spouse income maintenance allowance (maximum)	\$2,739	1/1/09
Excess shelter cost standard	\$ 547	7/1/10
Utility standard for determining excess shelter costs	\$384	10/1/08
Maximum gross income for COPES applicant**	\$2,022	1/1/09
Income allowance for single COPES participant	\$903	4/1/10
Income allowance for married COPES participant	\$674	1/1/09
Home maintenance allowance (monthly for 6 months)	\$903	4/1/10
Daily average statewide private nursing facility rate***	\$227	10/1/09
Monthly average statewide private nursing facility rate	\$6,916	10/1/09
Medically needy income level for single person	\$674	1/1/09
Medically needy income level for couple	\$674	1/1/09

\*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 Questions and Answers on Medicaid for Nursing Home Residents (Q 4) and Questions and Answers on the COPES Program (Q 7).

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

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

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