

Medicaid Update – Look Out! ANTI ROBIN HOOD OR WHAT?

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**A. Massachusetts Exemption
is Really \$2,000,000 and is not
\$1,000,000**

**B. New Massachusetts
Uniform Principal and Income
Act**

C. Medicaid Numbers

Community Spouse Resource Allowance:

Minimum	\$19,908.00
Maximum	\$99,540.00

Resource Allowance for Individual:

\$2,000.00

Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance:

Minimum	\$1,604.00
Maximum	\$2,488.50

Allowance for Personal Needs:

\$60.00

Shelter Standard:

\$482.00

Standard Utility Allowances:

Heat	\$287.00
Non-Heat	\$474.00

Divestment Penalty Divisor:

\$246.00

D. The Tortured History of the Deficit Reduction Act

E. Summary of the Act Provisions

1. Look-Back Period is extended to 5 years from 3 for all transfers!

**2. Beginning Date of Penalty
is date of nursing home
admission**

3. Annuities

4. Notification Requirements

5. Income First Rule Required

**6. Disqualification for
Assistance for Individuals
with Substantial Home Equity**

7. Requirement to Impose Partial Months of Ineligibility

8. Inclusion of Transfers of Certain Notes and Loans

9. Inclusion of Transfers to Purchase Life Estates