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Subsidization relating to a spouse in the community

Individuals who are entering a nursing home, or reside in a nursing home, and applying for subsidization, may have a spouse who will continue to live in the community. As well, residents may have dependents who resided with him/her prior to entering a nursing home. The application is a joint application where the assessed income includes the income of both the applicant and the spouse when determining eligibility for subsidization.

Where there is a spouse remaining in the community, the applicant's assessed income will be 50 per cent of the joint family income if the spouse is living with the applicant. This means that the spouse may retain 50 per cent of the total income of the applicant and spouse.

Subsidized Resident

It may be necessary to adjust the subsidy amount to allow for the spouse, living in the community, to retain more than 50 per cent of the joint income of the applicant and spouse. This is to enable the spouse to meet his/her financial obligations.

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