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This change is being made as a result of annual updates which are effective January, 2003.

SPOUSAL ASSET LIMITS AND SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE STANDARD MAXIMUM UPDATES

The minimum community spouse asset limit is \$18,132, the maximum is \$90,660.

The maximum SMS is \$2,267. The minimum amount will change in July, 2003.

No mass change is required as RAPIDS identified only one AG with the maximum SMS and the update had been completed.

The new amounts are effective in RAPIDS beginning January, 2003.

RAPIDS will also update the Asset Assessment with the new minimum and maximum amounts effective January, 2003.

Appendix A, Chapter 10 was updated with the maximum SMS, SSI amounts and TRIP income limits which are effective January, 2003.

SSI UPDATES

New SSI amounts effective January, 2002 are:

Single Individual	\$ 552
Couple	\$ 829
SSI-Related Allocation Standard	\$ 277
300% of SSI Payment Level	\$ 1,656

The Medicare, Part B, Premium is \$58.70 effective January, 2003.

The SSI student child earned income disregard increases to \$1,340 per month, with a maximum yearly disregard of \$5,410 effective January, 2003.

The QI-2 limits were removed from Appendix A of Chapter 10. The program ends December 31, 2002. This will be addressed in a separate Manual change.

Policy questions should be directed to the OFS Policy Unit.

Questions regarding RAPIDS updates should be directed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.

