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Effective July 1, 2003, for Long Term Care cases, the minimum Spousal Maintenance Standard (SMS) is \$1,515 and the maximum Family Maintenance Allowance (FMA) is \$505.

All appropriate material and examples in Chapter 17 have been updated to the new SMS and FMA amounts. Chapter 10, Appendix A, was updated with the new SMS and FMA amounts.

RAPIDS will provide each district with a printout of all AG's potentially affected by the SMS/FMA change. RAPIDS instructions for accomplishing the SMS/FMA update will be provided with the printout. Any AG which does not have the change made in RAPIDS effective for July, 2003, must have the contribution adjusted back to July, 2003, if the contribution decreases due to the SMS/FMA increase.

The maximum SMS, as well as the minimum and maximum Asset Assessment limits, are updated effective January.

Also included with this change are updated pages for the Chapter 1 table of contents.

Policy questions should be directed to the OFS Policy Unit.

RAPIDS questions should be addressed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.