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This change is being made to update income limits, maximum coupon allotments, the shelter/utility cap, standard deductions and Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) for the Food Stamp Program. The changes are effective October 1, 2003.

Appendix G was obsoleted and the information for the standard deduction was added back to Appendix B.

RAPIDS will run a mass change for all active AG's on Friday, September 5, 2003, effective for October 2003 allotments.

In addition, the update of FS income limits increases the 130% reporting limits for those AG's subject to that requirement. FS AG's which experience an allotment change due to the updates will be notified of the new 130% amount when notified of the allotment change. You will be notified after the mass change about the procedure for notifying those AG's which do not have an allotment change and, therefore, do not receive notice of the updated 130% amount.

Policy questions should be addressed to the DFA Policy Unit.

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