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DATE: January 1, 2004 TO: All Income Maintenance Manual Holders					

This change is being made as a result of annual updates which are effective January, 2004.

#### SPOUSAL ASSET LIMITS AND SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE STANDARD MAXIMUM UPDATES

The minimum community spouse asset limit is \$18,552, the maximum is \$92,760.

The maximum SMS is \$2,319. The minimum amount will change in July, 2004.

RAPIDS will provide a list of AG's affected by the maximum SMS change. No mass change will be run by RAPIDS.

The new amounts are effective in RAPIDS beginning January, 2004.

RAPIDS will also update the Asset Assessment with the new minimum and maximum amounts effective January, 2004.

Appendix A, Chapter 10 was updated with the maximum SMS, SSI amounts and TRIP income limits which are effective January, 2004.

### **SSI UPDATES**

New SSI amounts effective January, 2004 are:

Single Individual	\$564
Couple	\$846
SSI-Related Allocation Standard	\$282
300% of SSI Payment Level	\$1,692

The Medicare Part B, Premium is \$66.60 effective January, 2004. This is rounded up to \$67 for computation purposes.

The SSI student child earned income disregard increases to \$1,370 per month, with a maximum yearly disregard of \$5,520 effective January, 2004.

Policy questions should be directed to the DFA Economic Services Policy Unit.

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