

MANUAL MATERIAL TRANSMISSION WV INCOME MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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This change is being made as a result of annual updates which are effective January 2009.

The following Manual Sections were updated, based on the new amounts detailed in this DW-17: Sections 10.3,VVV; 10.22,B,1; 10.22,D,4, items b and c; Appendix A of Chapter 10; 17.9,C,3; 17.9,D,1,e; 17.9,E and 17.10,A.

SPOUSAL ASSET LIMITS AND SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE STANDARD MAXIMUM UPDATES

The minimum community spouse asset limit is \$21,912, the maximum is \$109,560.

The maximum SMS is \$2,739. The minimum amount changes in July 2009.

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 2009.

RAPIDS will also update the Asset Assessment with the new minimum and maximum amounts effective January 2009.

Chapter 10, Appendix A was updated with the maximum SMS and SSI amounts which are effective January 2009. The 300% SSI Payment Level was changed.

SSI UPDATES

The updated SSI and RSDI amounts apply to all applicants beginning January 1, 2009. New SSI and RSDI amounts for recipients are updated at the time of the RAPIDS Mass Change for the 2009 COLA update which is effective March 2009. Any other updated amounts, such as the payee representative fee or SSI student earned income disregard, are changed at the next redetermination or contact.

New SSI amounts effective January 2009 are:

Single Individual	\$674
Couple	\$1,011
SSI-Related Allocation Standard	\$337
300% of SSI Payment Level	\$2,022

The standard Medicare, Part B, premium remains \$96.40 for January 2009. Some Medicare enrollees pay a higher Part B premium. This is known as the income-related monthly adjustment amount and is based on income reported for taxes. In 2009, the other Part B premium amounts are \$134.90, \$192.70, \$250.50 and \$308.30. Although we anticipate that few, if any, DHHR program applicants/recipients will pay these higher amounts, we are providing this for your information. No adjustment in the standard premium is applicable, unless a beneficiary files an individual tax return with income of at least \$85,000 or beneficiaries file a joint tax return with income of at least \$170,000.

The SSI student child earned income disregard increases to \$1,640 per month, with a maximum yearly disregard of \$6,600, effective January 2009.

FOOD STAMP REPRESENTATIVE FEE UPDATES

The maximum limit for fees collected by a qualified organization for acting as a representative payee for certain SSI and RSDI recipients increased to \$37 and \$72.

Section 10.3, VVV was updated with the new amounts which are effective January 2009.

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

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