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Effective July 1, 2011 the minimum Spousal Maintenance Standard (SMS) is \$1,838.75 and the maximum Family Maintenance Allowance (FMA) is \$612.92. Medicaid nursing home rates have also been updated. This Policy is used to determine if an individual's cost of

care equals or exceeds his monthly spenddown amount to qualify for Medicaid payment of nursing facility expenses and the number of months a transfer penalty is applied. The new rates are available on the DFA Internet page Desk Guide, ESPU-2. The rates are provided for DHHR staff to determine Medicaid eligibility and cannot be released to the public.

Requests from the public for the rates must be made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the Office of the DHHR Deputy Secretary, Division of Accountability and Management Reporting.

Chapter 1, 1.2: Change of phone number.

Chapter 10, Appendix A: The Appendix was updated with the new SMS and FMA amounts.

Chapter 17, Section 17.9: All appropriate material and EXAMPLES were changed to reflect the updated SMS and FMA amounts.

RAPIDS will provide each local office with a printout of all AGs potentially affected by the SMS/FMA change. RAPIDS instructions for accomplishing the SMS/FMA updated will be provided with the printout. Any AG which does not have the change made in RAPIDS effective July 2011, must have the contribution adjusted back to July 2011, 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 each January.

Section 17.10 and 17.25, Appendix A: EXAMPLES were updated to reflect the new per diem and monthly Medicaid nursing home rate which has decreased to \$191.70 and \$5,751, respectively.

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

RAPIDS questions should be directed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.

Attachment