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Released under Emergency Circumstances.

This change is being made as a result of annual updates which are effective January 2014.

The following Manual Sections were updated, based on the new amounts detailed in this DW-17: Sections 10.3,GGGG; 10.22,B,1; 10.22,D,4, items b and c; Appendix A of Chapter 10; 11.1; 11.3; 16.6, C D & E; 17.9,C,3; 17.9,E and 17.10,A; 23.10, D.

SPOUSAL ASSET LIMITS AND SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE STANDARD MAXIMUM UPDATES

The minimum community spouse asset limit is $23,448, the maximum is $117,240.

The maximum SMS is $2,931. The minimum amount changes in July 2014.

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 2014. RAPIDS will also update the Asset Assessment with the new minimum and maximum amounts effective January 2014.

Chapter 10, Appendix A was updated with the maximum SMS and SSI amounts which are effective January 2014. The 300% SSI Payment Level was changed.

SSI UPDATES

The updated SSI and RSDI amounts apply to all applicants beginning January 1, 2014. New SSI and RSDI amounts for recipients are updated at the time of the RAPIDS Mass Change for the 2014 COLA update which is effective March 2014. 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 2014 are:

Single Individual $721
Couple $1,082
SSI-Related Allocation Standard $361
300% of SSI Payment Level $2,163

The standard Medicare, Part B, premium remains unchanged at $104.90 for January 2014.

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 2014, the other Part B premium amounts remain unchanged at $146.90, $209.80, $272.70 and $335.70. 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 $1,750 per month, with a maximum yearly disregard of $7,060, effective January 2014.

MEDICARE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE ASSET LIMITS

The asset limits for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Beneficiary (SLMB), and Qualified Individual (QI-1) Programs were updated to $7,160 for an individual and $10,750 for a married couple, effective January 1, 2014.

SNAP 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 $40 and $77.

Section 10.3, GGGG was updated with the new amounts which are effective January 2014.

EXCESSIVE HOME EQUITY LIMITS

The Home Equity asset limit increased to $543,000 effective January 1, 2014.

Policy questions should be directed to the DFA Family Support & Economic Services Policy Units.

RAPIDS questions should be directed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.

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