

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 2006.

SPOUSAL ASSET LIMITS AND SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE STANDARD MAXIMUM UPDATES

The minimum community spouse asset limit is \$19,908, the maximum is \$99,540.

The maximum SMS is \$2,489. The minimum amount will change in July 2006.

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 2006.

RAPIDS will also update the Asset Assessment with the new minimum and maximum amounts effective January 2006.

Chapter 10, Appendix A was updated with the maximum SMS, SSI amounts and TRIP income limits which are effective January 2006. The 300% SSI Payment Level was changed.

SSI UPDATES

New SSI amounts effective January 2006 are:

Single Individual	\$603
Couple	\$904
SSI-Related Allocation Standard	\$301
300% of SSI Payment Level	\$1,809

The Medicare, Part B premium is \$88.50 effective January 2006. This is rounded up to \$89 when the nursing home contribution is calculated.

The SSI student child earned income disregard increases to \$1,460 per month, with a maximum yearly disregard of \$5,910 effective January 2006.

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

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