

Monte Burke, Quality Assurance Program  
Manager

Authorized Signature

**Number:** SS-IM-05-019  
**Issue Date:** 09/20/2005

**Topic:** Food Benefits

**Subject:** FSMIS Standards Changes

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                        | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging        | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):                         |

**Message:** Recertification and adjust transactions on the FS computer system (FSMIS) for October 1, 2005 result in different (higher) benefit amounts.

Annual increases in dollar limits, benefits, FUA, LUA, TUA and the standard deduction occur in October each year for the FS program. The one standard not impacted by this change is the 185% categorical eligibility limit, which changes each year in February.

The week of September 12, a new program was added to FSMIS that allows the new October standards to be used in the eligibility determination for October benefits. When the 10/1/05 effective date is used, the increased October standards are used to calculate benefits. If the 09/0105 effective date is used, the computer continues to use the current standards. This allows staff to see the correct benefits for October and allows the client to receive the correct information in their FS approval notice.

The new standards and the new standards chart will be released later this month with the October manual release.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

<b>Contact(s):</b>	Policy: Anne Hilgers	(503) 945-6105
	Eliza Devlin	(503) 945- 6727
	Rosanne Richard	(503) 945- 5826
	Sandy Ambrose	(503) 945-6078
	System: Lisa Stegmann	(503) 378-2101 X350