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All Holders of the Social Development  
Policy and Procedures Manual  
British Columbia Region

Manual Amendment Letter No # **01** 2007/2008

To: All holders of the Social Development Policy & Procedures Manual

**Re: Increases to Income Assistance Rates**

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This manual amendment update introduces changes to the Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual, BC Region **effective April 1, 2007**. These changes include the following:

- Provide a maximum increase of up to \$50 per month to the shelter portion for all income assistance clients.
- Standardize the support and shelter rates for children; ensuring all children receive the same amount of support regardless of the category of income assistance that their parents receive.
- Increase support rates for certain client categories which will reduce the gap between income assistance categories, for example, the difference in the amount of support payment issued to a single employable client and single Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) is now \$47.92.
- Add a new category to the PPMB policy, provide increase support rates for a family unit in which only one adult is classified as a PPMB.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPDATING THE MANUAL:**

All changes are **highlighted**. Please remove the following chapters and sections and replace them with the corresponding sections and chapters that are included in this package:

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Please remove the Table of Contents (pages 1 to 6) and replace it with the attached Table of Contents (pages 1 to 6) dated April 2007.

Please remove Chapter 4 Section 11 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 4, Section 11 (pages 1 to 2) dated April 2007.

Please remove Chapter 7, Section 11 (pages 1 to 3) and replace it with the attached Chapter 7, Section (pages 1 to 4) dated April 2007.

Please remove Chapter 8, Section 2 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 7, Section (pages 1 to 2) dated April 2007.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on this policy amendment, please contact Gwen John, Communications Officer, Resource Centre, First Nations Social Development Society (FNSDS) at 1-800-991-7099.

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