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

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

Manual Amendment Letter No # **02** 2007/2008

Re: Increase to Old Age Security Pension rates
Increase to Guide Animal Allowance rate
Indian Residential School Settlement Payments
Housekeeping

This manual amendment update introduces changes to the Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual, BC Region, effective immediately.

**Supplementary Assistance to Old Age Security Pension
(Chapter 11.3)**

The Old Age Security Pension (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), federal Allowance and Senior Supplement (SS) rates have been adjusted to reflect the January 1, 2007 rates. Title of the chapter has been amended and policy and procedures concerning the provision of supplementary assistance clarified.

Guide Animal Allowance (Chapter 9.11)

As of May 1, 2007, the Guide Animal Allowance rate will change from \$62.00 to \$95.00 per month.

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Indian Residential School Settlement Payments

In addition to hardship assistance and excluded assets policy, this manual amendment fully exempts Indian Residential School settlement payments for recipients of regular income assistance.

Housekeeping

In addition, this manual amendment updates and provides policy clarification to the following sections:

- Table of Contents
- Appendix 1

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 into Volume 1 of 2, Income Assistance Program manual:

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

Please remove Chapter 4, Section 9 (pages 1 to 18) and replace it with the attached Chapter 4, Section 9 (pages 1 to 18) dated May 2007.

Please remove Chapter 9, Section 11 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 9, Section 11 (pages 1 to 2) dated May 2007.

Please remove Chapter 11, Section 3 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 11, Section 3 (pages 1 to 2) dated May 2007.

Please remove Appendix 1 (pages 1 to 14) and replace it with the attached Appendix 1 (pages 1 to 14) dated May 2007.

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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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