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

Manual Amendment Letter No # **04** 2006/2007

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

**Re: Old Age Security Pension
Housekeeping**

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

Old Age Security Pension (Chapter 11.3)

The Old Age Pension (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Senior supplement (SS) rates are updated.

Housing Keeping

In addition, this manual amendment updates the following sections in correspondence with recent amendments:

- Table of Contents
- Chapter 1.1 Introduction to this Manual
- Chapter 4.10 Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers - to reflect recent changes to the earning exemptions and dental care coverage as directed in Manual Amendment Letter #02 2006/2007 and Letter #3 - 2005/2006 respectively.

- To include references to the Request for Non-Insured Health Benefits (SA200) form and the Authorization for Non-Insured Health Benefits (SA201) form as directed in the Manual Amendment Letter #03 2005/2006 dated November 3, 2005 in the following chapters:
 - Chapter 10.2 Non-Insured Health Benefits,
 - Chapter 10.4 Orthodontia,
 - Chapter 10.6 Health-related Travel,
 - Chapter 10.7 Medical Equipment,
 - Chapter 10.8 Medical Supplies.
- To include reference to rates tables as directed in the Manual Amendment Letter #02 2006/2007 dated August 11, 2006 in the following chapters:
 - Chapter 4.1
 - Chapter 5.6
 - *Chapter 11.3*
- Chapter 10.5 Optical - to update references to the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance (MEIA)
- Appendix 4 Manual Amendment Letter

INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPDATING THE MANUAL:

All changes are **highlighted**.

Please remove the Table of Contents (pages 1 to 7) and replace it with the attached Table of Contents (pages 1 to 8) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 1, Section 1 (pages 1 to 4) and replace it with the attached Chapter 1, Section 1 (pages 1 to 4) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 4, Section 1 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 4, Section 1 (pages 1 to 2) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 4, Section 4 (pages 1 to 4) and replace it with the attached Chapter 4, Section 1 (pages 1 to 4) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 4, Section 10 (pages 1 to 5) and replace it with the attached Chapter 4, Section 10 (pages 1 to 6) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 5, Section 3 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 5, Section 3 (pages 1 to 2) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 5, Section 6 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 5, Section 6 (pages 1 to 2) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 7, Section 1 (pages 1 to 4) and replace it with the attached Chapter 7, Section 1 (pages 1 to 4) dated September 2006.

Please remove Chapter 7, Section 8 (pages 1 to 2) and replace it with the attached Chapter 7, Section 8 (pages 1 to 2) dated September 2006.

Please remove all of Chapter 10, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 and replace with the attached Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 dated September 2006. The changes to the Chapter were made in order to remove the first three empty Sections.

Please remove Appendix 4 and replace it with the attached Appendix 4 dated September 2006

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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