Date: June 10, 2008  
Reference: # CACFP CCC 2008-12  
To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Child Care Centers (CACFP-CCC) Contractors  
Subject: Eligibility Determinations – Excluded Income  
Effective Date: Immediately

**Purpose**  

**Background**  
President Bush signed into law the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, which provides for rebates to many low and middle-income households.

**Implementation**  
Immediately

**Procedure**  
When calculating total household income for purposes of determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals in the CACFP, the following types of income for military families must be:

**Included:**  
- Base pay  
- Regular housing allowance  
- Subsistence  
- Clothing allowance  
- Hazardous duty  
- Hostile fire  
- Flight pay  
- Incentive pay

**Excluded:**  

This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice
Procedure continued

Excluded, continued

- Operation Enduring Freedom – When a military household member is deployed to any location, only include the income that is made available to the household. Include the deployed member as part of the household count. If both military parents or guardians are deployed, count their children as part of the household with whom they are temporarily residing. Also include the deployed parents or guardians in the host household’s count; however, only include the funds provided to the host household by the deployed military parents or guardians when totaling the host household’s income.

- Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) – Payments provided to the families of service members by the Department of Defense.

- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This applies to both military and non-military households.

- Agent Orange Compensation Exclusion Act.

- Veteran’s Educational Assistance Act of 1964 (GI Bill).

- Rebate checks resulting from the economic stimulus act. This applies to both military and non-military households.

Authority

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If you have any questions please contact your Food and Nutrition Field Operations Office.