### Purpose
Replace NSLP/SBP Handbook Section 4212.2.2, *Income Exclusions*.

### 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
Replace NSLP/SBP Handbook Section 4212.2.2 with the following:

Do not count any of the following as income:

- Food Stamp or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits;
- loans, because they are only temporarily available and must be repaid;
- the value of in-kind compensation allowances (*example*: military base housing or other subsidized housing and medical and dental services);
- Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA);
- Agent Orange Compensation Exclusion Act;
- GI Bill (Veteran’s Educational Assistance Act of 1964);
- Housing allowance for households living on bases participating in the Military Housing Privatization Initiative. A list of military bases participating in this initiative can be accessed at [http://www.acq.osd.mil/housing](http://www.acq.osd.mil/housing);
- student financial assistance awarded to meet educational expenses (*example*: grants and scholarships);
- cash reimbursements paid to families for child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) or the TANF at Risk Child Care Program;
- any Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) refunds/payments;
- any Medicare prescription drug subsidy (also called transitional assistance) or negotiated prices on prescription drugs under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA).
- Rebate checks resulting from the economic stimulus act.

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