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To: Special Milk Program (SMP) Contractors
Subject: Eligibility Determinations – Excluded Income
Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

REPLACE SMP Handbook Section 4212.2, 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 SMP Handbook Section 4212.2 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 (for example, military base housing, other subsidized housing, medical and dental services);
- Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance;
- Agent Orange Compensation Exclusion Act;
- GI Bill (Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 1964);
- Housing allowance for household 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;
- student financial assistance awarded to meet educational expenses (for example, grants and scholarships);
- cash reimbursements paid to families for child care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families At Risk Child Care Program;
- any Earned Income Tax Credit 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.
- Rebate checks resulting from the economic stimulus act.

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