POLICY ALERT

Date: July 17, 2009  Reference: # TEXCAP 2009-04
To: Texas Commodity Assistance Program (TEXCAP) Contractors
Subject: Economic Recovery Payments for Recipients of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement Benefits, and Veteran’s Disability Compensation or Pension Benefits
Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

NOTIFY TEXCAP contractors that economic recovery payments are considered excluded income when making eligibility determinations.

REPLACE TEXCAP Handbook Item 4221, Countable Income and Income Exclusions

Implementation

Immediately

Background


Procedure

Replace TEXCAP Handbook Item 4221 with the following:

4221 Countable Income and Income Exclusions

Most household income is “countable,” which means that it is used to determine the household's eligibility for TEXCAP. Countable income includes:

- Wages,
- Social Security benefits,
- Veteran's benefits, and
- Other types of benefits.

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Procedure continued

However, some household income and assistance must be “excluded” as income, which means that it is not used to determine the household's eligibility for TEXCAP. Excluded income and assistance includes:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly Food Stamps,
- Vendor payments,
- Loans,
- In-kind benefits,
- Rebate checks authorized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to recipients of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement Benefits, and Veteran’s Disability Compensation or Pension Benefits, and
- Certain other types of benefits (contact your Commodity Distribution Specialist with any questions).

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Commodity Distribution Specialist.