Policy Clarifications - Food Stamp PFS14466550

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In <u>OPS 050305</u>, Food Stamp Program (FSP) Income Exclusions Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, certain income received by military personnel assigned to a designated combat zone was excluded. Does this income continue to be excluded to date?

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Yes, the FSP was reauthorized as part of The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) (P.L. 110-246) and includes policy that the additional pay received by a member of the United States Armed Forces deployed to a designated combat zone shall be excluded from household income for the duration of the member's deployment. Direction in handling this income remains as outlined in OPS 050305. FSH 550.5, Income Excluded in Computing Eligibility, will be updated to reflect these changes.