

Policy Clarifications

Cash Assistance – All - PCA-19848-140

Medicaid – All - PMA-19848-340

SNAP – All - PFS-19848-540

LIHEAP – All - PLA-19848-640

LTC – All - PMN-19848-440

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES ACT) Economic Stimulus Payments

On April 10, 2020, the United States Department of Treasury began issuing recovery rebates to more than 130 million individuals. These payments will range from up to \$1200 for single individuals and up to \$2400 for married couples who file a joint return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and meet the income thresholds. The payments may also include an additional \$500 for each eligible child. The amounts may vary depending on each household

Questions: How are these payments treated for Cash, Medical, SNAP, LIHEAP and LTC programs during the coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency?

Response By: Policy Clarification Unit

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The payments provided by the “CARES Act of 2020” (P.L. 116.136) are known as Recovery Rebates or as Economic Stimulus Payments. As part of the Department of Health and Human Service’s continuing effort to promote program efficiency, these one-time payments will be **excluded** as income and **excluded** as a resource when determining eligibility for all TANF, MA, and LIHEAP programs. For SNAP, the payments are **excluded** as income in the month of receipt and are **excluded** from resources for 12 months. These payments will also be **excluded** when determining the LTC facility cost of care. Fair consideration does not apply to these payments when determining eligibility for LTC or Home and Community-Based Services. The direct deposits and mailing of the Recovery Rebates began on April 10, 2020 and will continue through the spring and summer.