**Policy Clarification**

**Cash Assistance – All – PCA-20268-150**

**Medical Assistance – All – PMA-20268-350**

**SNAP – All – PFS-20268-550**

**LIHEAP – All – PLA-20268-640**

**LTC – All – PMN-20268-440**

**Submitted: 1/5/2021 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 133) expands provision of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 Economic Stimulus Payments**

Beginning on December 31, 2020, the United States Department of Treasury will issue recovery rebates to more than 130 million individuals. These payments will range from up to $600 for single individuals and up to $1,200 for married couples who file a joint return with the Internal Revenue Service and meet the income thresholds. The payments may also include an additional $600 for each eligible child. The amount may vary depending on each household.

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

**Response By: Policy Clarification Unit Date:**

The payments provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 133) 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 for 12 months when determining eligibility for all TANF, SNAP, MA, and LIHEAP programs. 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 December 31, 2020 and will continue through the spring and summer.