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The Office of Medical Assistance Programs will be processing a one-time retroactive copayment (copay) rebate cycle to issue copay rebate checks to eligible Medical Assistance (MA) recipients. How will these payments affect benefits?

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Cash Assistance. Copayment reimbursements are considered lump-sum income and will be excluded for determining a household's eligibility and monthly payment amount. (CAH 157.1 and 150.5) [55 Pa. Code 183.81(5)]

SNAP. Copayment reimbursements are excluded as income when determining a household's eligibility and benefit amount. [7 CFR 273.9(c)(5) and SNAPH 550.513]

Medical Assistance Eligibility. A one-time copayment reimbursement check is considered an unearned lump sum. Lump sums can be treated as either income or resource, depending on what is most beneficial to the individual. [55 Pa. Code § 181.31(d)]

Per 55 PA Code 181.263(2), MA copayment reimbursements are not counted as income when determining eligibility for medical assistance. They are, however, counted as a resource.

Because it is in the individual's best interest to look at the lump sum as income, the CAO will treat the MA copayment rebates as income and it will be excluded for both TANF, GA-related, and SSI-Related medical assistance.(MAEH 319.63; 350.61and 357.1) [55 Pa Code 140.241(8)]

