What's Changed on 06/01/2020

Reminder: Economic Impact Payments (EIP) for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries

General Information: Forms Update

This page relays to staff and the public of changes to the Cash and Nutrition Assistance Policy (CNAP) Manual regarding policy, procedures, and forms. Reminders and general information may also be displayed on this page. Prior What's Changed pages are listed in <u>FAA6.R01</u> of the CNAP Manual.

The above list summarizes the information on this page. Within the CNAP Manual, each item listed above links to screens below.

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An <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> was emailed on 05/26/2020 to inform staff that SSI and Social Security Beneficiaries with representative payees have started receiving the Economic Impact Payment (EIP) also referred to as Stimulus Payments.

The Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allows this payment to be issued to SSI and Social Security Beneficiaries.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) started issuing payments to eligible beneficiaries on May 22nd, 2020 and will continue through December 31, 2020, until all people have received their one-time payment.

Beneficiaries will receive their payments by one of the following methods:

- Direct Deposit
- Mail
- Direct Express Debit Card

The EIP is being treated as a Federal Tax Refund for 2020.

Similar to tax refunds, this payment is not countable as income or a resource in the month of receipt and the 12 months after the month of receipt for NA and CA.

Key the TR Unearned Income Code in the INC TYPE field on UNIC in the month the income is received.

Key OX on the LIAS AZTECS screen for any money remaining in the following 12 month as a resource.

For more information regarding treating the tax refund as unearned income or a resource see, FAA4.B03S and FAA4.H03HHH in the Cash and Nutrition Assistance Policy (CNAP) Manual. Use participant statement as a verification.

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Changes to Forms – 05/23/2020 through 05/29/2020

As a reminder, it is important not to save documents on your desktop or a folder. It is better to use the form you need directly from the <u>Document Center</u>. Forms are frequently updated and sometimes the current form must be used for programming purposes.

Revised forms:

No forms were revised during the specified period

Newly created forms:

No forms were created during the specified period

Revised Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):

No revisions to marketing materials were made during the specified period