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POLICY BULLETIN #10-09-ELI

EXCLUSION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS SUPPLEMENT FROM FOOD STAMP INCOME

Date: February 10, 2010	Subtopic(s): Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB)
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>See PD #09-18-ELI for information on the FAC.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform all Job Center and Non Cash Assistance Food Stamp (NCA FS) Center staff that the temporary \$25 weekly supplement to Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB), also known as the Federal Additional Compensation (FAC), has been extended to UIB payments through June 30, 2010, and excluded as income for Food Stamp (FS) households applying for or receiving FS benefits.</p> <p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, which was signed into law on February 17, 2009, authorized the FAC to be included in UIB payments through December 31, 2009.</p> <p><u>Extension of the FAC</u></p> <p>The Worker, Home Ownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 (H.R. 3548), which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on November 6, 2009, authorized the extension of the FAC through June 30, 2010.</p> <p><u>Exclusion of the FAC for FS</u></p> <p>The \$25 weekly FAC was counted as income for FS budgeting purposes under the ARRA. The enactment of H.R. 3548 mandated the exclusion of the FAC as income for FS effective November 6, 2009.</p>

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Mass re-budget	For active Cash Assistance (CA)/FS and NCA FS cases with UIB budgeted, a mass rebudgeting/authorization (MRB/A) occurred in the Welfare Management System (WMS) on January 17, 2010. The MRB/A calculated and saved a new budget excluding the FAC from FS budget calculations effective 2/A/10. Authorization number 9999343 was used for the MRB.
Restored FS benefits	For households whose FS benefits increased in February 2010 due to the exclusion of the FAC, a one-time restored FS benefit was issued by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). Eligible cases may also have received restored FS benefits for November 2009, December 2009, and January 2010. Therefore, workers will not have to rebudget FS cases that were in receipt of UIB and FS benefits for those months.
CNS notice	Households whose FS benefits increased as a result of the exclusion of the FAC were sent a notice (see Attachment A) through the Client Notification System (CNS). The CNS notice informed the household of the increase in FS benefits beginning in February 2010 and of any restored FS benefits that the household was eligible for during the period November 2009 through January 2010.
Cases excluded from the mass rebudget	OTDA will forward a list of the cases that were excluded from the January 17, 2010, MRB/A. Workers are required to manually rebudget these cases for the months after January 2010. Workers are reminded to subtract the \$25 weekly FAC from the total UIB income when manually completing the Monthly Food Stamp Budget Worksheet (NCA) (W-122A), Monthly Food Stamp Budget Worksheet (NCA – SSI/Aged/Disabled) (W-122AA), Food Stamp Budget Worksheet (CA) W-122D , and Food Stamp Budget Worksheet (CA – SSI/Aged/Disabled) W-122DD .
Exclude FAC when calculating a manual budget	Workers will calculate the difference between the FS benefit before and after exclusion of the FAC and multiply the difference by the number of months that the household was in receipt of FS for the months of November 2009 through January 2010. The restored FS benefit is to be issued with single issuance code 20 (Daily Retroactive Benefit) in Job Centers and single issuance code 22 (Daily Retroactive Benefit) in NCA FS Centers.
WMS automatically excludes FAC from automated budgets	Additionally, for any FS budgets with UIB that must be calculated for November 2009, December 2009 or January 2010, the JOS/Worker must complete a budget using an effective date of 2/A/10.
WMS automatically excludes FAC from automated budgets	Since WMS will exclude the FAC from all FS budgets with effective dates of 2/A/10 or later, JOS/Workers must input the full amount of the UIB (including the FAC) when calculating a budget in WMS.

References:

[GIS 09 TA/DC011](#)

[GIS 10 TA/DC001](#)

[ABEL Transmittal 10-1](#)

Related Item:

[PD #09-18-ELI](#)

Attachment:

Attachment A CNS Notice

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MELROSE FS CENTER (F40)
260 EAST 161 ST. 4TH FL
BRONX, NY 10451

**NOTICE OF DECISION ON YOUR
FOOD STAMPS.**

SI USTED DESEA RECIBIR NOTIFICACIONES FUTURAS
EN ESPANOL, POR FAVOR PONGASE EN CONTACTO
CON SU TRABAJADOR(A).

NOTICE NUMBER:		DATE: January 17, 2010		CASE NUMBER:	
OFFICE F40	UNIT	WORKER	UNIT OR WORKER NAME		TELEPHONE NO.
AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS			CASE NAME / AND ADDRESS		
GENERAL TELEPHONE NO. FOR QUESTIONS OR HELP <u>718-664-1607</u> <hr/> OR Agency Conference <u>718-838-6320</u> Fair Hearing information and assistance <u>718-664-1607</u> Record Access <u>718-664-1607</u> Child/Teen Health Plan <u>888-692-8662</u>					
<p>IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH ANY DECISION EXPLAINED IN THIS NOTICE, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK US FOR A CONFERENCE AND/OR ASK THE STATE FOR A FAIR HEARING. READ THE CONFERENCE AND/OR FAIR HEARING SECTION TO SEE HOW TO ASK FOR A CONFERENCE AND/OR A FAIR HEARING.</p>					
<p>FOOD STAMPS</p> <p>Beginning February 1, 2010, your food stamp benefits will be CHANGED from \$149.00 to \$182.00. This is because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Your household has had a change in income. This decision is based on Regulations 18 NYCRR 387.10 and 387.12. o \$108.33 has been subtracted from the monthly amount of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) received by each person in your household who gets UIB. This subtraction has been applied against all UIB received since November 6, 2009. The result of this subtraction means that you will get an extra food stamp benefit payment. You will only get this extra payment once. \$99.00 will be added to your EBT food stamp account before the end of month. This amount covers the period from November 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010. This decision is based on Regulations 18 NYCRR 387.11 and 387.14. <p>How we figured your Food Stamp Benefits:</p> <p>Check the information below and let us know if something is wrong. If there is a mistake, it could mean that this decision we made about your benefit is not correct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o You will get \$182.00 for the month of February, 2010. o There is 1 person in your Food Stamp household. o You pay \$150.00 for housing. 					

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- o According to our records, your type of housing is known as Unfurnished Apartment Or Room.
- o Your heat is included in your rent. Either you have incurred air conditioning costs or we anticipate that you will receive a HEAP payment during this heating season for your current living situation. (You may need to apply for HEAP separately.) We allow the standard of \$781.00.
- o There is no one 60 or older or disabled in your Food Stamp household.
- o You have no allowable medical expenses.
- o You have no individuals in your household that are enrolled in a Medicare approved Prescription Drug Discount Card program.
- o No one in your household pays legally-obligated child support.
- o We allow expenses for child care or dependent care while you are employed or seeking employment through job search, or are in training. You do not pay for child care or dependent care.
- o We count the following monthly income:

<u>Person with income</u>	<u>Type of Income</u>	<u>Monthly Amount</u>
	Unemployment Insurance	\$767.00
	Total Income:	<u>\$767.00</u>
	Countable Income:	<u>\$58.67</u>

- o \$108.33 is now subtracted from the monthly amount of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) received per person.