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**POLICY BULLETIN #18-43-ELI**

**STIPEND PAYMENTS FROM CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDY –  
EXEMPT FOR CA/SNAP BUDGETING**

<p><b>Date:</b> July 30, 2018</p>	<p><b>Subtopic(s):</b> Budgeting</p>
<p>Refer to <a href="#">PB #17-87-ELI</a> for the rules on categorical eligibility</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center, Non-Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center, and HASA staff that Program Incentive Payments (PIP) received by participants in the “Child Development Study” are exempt as income and as resources when determining eligibility for Cash Assistance (CA) or SNAP benefits. PIP funds will be given to research study participants through a prepaid debit card, which will have money added on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The Child Development Study, starting in July, is a multi-year medical research study in which low-income households will receive monthly incentive payments for their continued research study participation. These payments are not intended to meet the participants’ basic needs, such as food, clothing, shelter, or utilities. Therefore, such PIP monies are exempt and disregarded as income and resources for ongoing CA eligibility purposes.</p> <p>Since the PIP funds are excluded from income for CA purposes, the payments are also excluded as income for SNAP eligibility purposes.</p> <p>For SNAP, the payments would be considered a resource in the month received. However, under broad-based SNAP categorical eligibility rules, most SNAP households are not subject to the resource test. Therefore, the PIP funds will not affect SNAP benefits for these households.</p> <p>In the event that a household reports PIP monies received from the Childhood Development Study, the Worker must not budget that amount as income or resources when determining CA. If a SNAP-only household is subject to the resource test, the Worker will budget the reported PIP monies toward resources.</p>

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**References:**

18 NYCRR § 352.16(a)  
7 USC § 2014(d)(18)  
7 CFR § 273.9(c)(19)

**Related Item:**

[PB #17-87-ELI](#)

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