

Policy Clarifications
Cash Assistance - All - PCA14146140
Medicaid - All - PMA14146340
Food Stamp - PFS14146540

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Beginning May of 2008, the United States Department of Treasury will issue recovery rebates to more than 130 million individuals. These payments will range from \$300 to \$600 for single individuals and up to \$1200 for married couples who file a joint return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and meet the income thresholds. The payments may also include an additional \$300 for each eligible child.

How are these payments treated for Cash, Medical Assistance and Food Stamp programs?

Response By: Bureau of Policy

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As part of the Department of Public Welfare's continuing effort to promote program efficiency, these one-time payments will be excluded as income and excluded as a resource when determining eligibility for all TANF, GA, Food Stamp, and MA programs. The payments provided by the "Economic Stimulus Act of 2008" (P.L. 110-185) are known as Recovery Rebates or as Economic Stimulus Payments. These payments are not tax refunds. The mailing of the Recovery Rebates will begin in May 2008 and continue through the late spring and summer.