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			NEW FORM	OFS-CENSUS-1	4/2000
DATE: APRIL, 1999			TO: ALL INCOME MAINTENANCE MANUAL HOLDERS		

This change is being made to exclude employment compensation received from Census 2000 temporary employment as income for the Food Stamp Program and Trip. This change is effective April 1.

Local Census offices in the State have been notified of this policy, and were sent a supply of the informational flier, new form OFS-CENSUS-1. A supply will be distributed to each local office and should be posted prominently and made available in the waiting room. The public is being notified by press release.

Since local Census offices have already begun hiring, every effort must be made to identify active FS cases with Census earnings so the exclusion will be effective for April benefits. FS cases with Census earnings identified after April, at next contact or redetermination, must have benefits recalculated and supplemental benefits issued retroactive to April 1. Even though earned income from the Census is excluded, cases with Census earnings subject to quarterly redetermination.

Due to RAPIDS programming, the exclusion of Census 2000 earnings for FS requires a Work-Around for LIEAP, because the earnings are counted for LIEAP. The Work-Around instructions are found below.

RAPIDS

Work-Around: Treatment of Census Income

RAPIDS will: Census earnings will be counted for all programs of assistance, except Food Stamps, TRIP and LIEAP. This exclusion is correct for Food Stamps and TRIP, but is incorrect for LIEAP.

Work-Around: When an applicant for Regular or Emergency LIEAP reports that he has income from Census employment, the worker should determine LIEAP financial eligibility offline. Run eligibility and check the system-determined financial eligibility for LIEAP. If LIEAP passes, but should fail due to Census income, use AGOE to override the PASS to FAIL using failure Reason Code 177. If LIEAP passes, but the system-determined payment amount is incorrect, use AGOE to override the payment to the correct amount. System-generated notices will be correct.

SOURCE OF INCOME	CONSIDERED AS INCOME FOR:			
	FOOD STAMPS	AFDC MEDICAID, DEEMED AFDC MEDICAID, TM, QC, P.L. PW AND CHILDREN, AFDC/U-RELATED MEDICAID, WV CHIP	PAC, QMB, SLIMB, QI-1 AND QI-2 QDWI, CDCS, AIDS PROGRAMS, SSI-RELATED MEDICAID	WV WORKS; DCA Eligibility

BB. EMPLOYMENT (Continued)	EXCEPTIONS: NOT COUNTED AS INCOME IF:	EXCEPTIONS: NOT COUNTED AS INCOME IF:	EXCEPTIONS: NOT COUNTED AS INCOME IF:	EXCEPTIONS: NOT COUNTED AS INCOME IF:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under 18 years old; and <p>NOTE: Income is not counted until the month following the month in which the child turns 18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resides with a natural, adoptive or stepparent, as a member of the same benefit group or as a separate benefit group; or resides under the parental control of an adult benefit group member other than a parent; and - Is enrolled in elementary or secondary school or a program for completion of a GED at least half-time, as defined by the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dependent child and - Full-time student <p>Earned income of an applicant dependent child who is a full-time student is excluded from the 185% and the 100% of Need tests for up to six months per calendar year. The months need not be consecutive months.</p> <p>This full-time student exclusion does not expand the six-month limitation on the exclusion of JTPA earnings. See JTPA. Earned income of a dependent child participating in JTPA is still disregarded for a maximum of six months for JTPA earnings, not six months for JTPA and an additional six months for the full-time student exclusion for the same income</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under 22; and - Blind or disabled; and - Regularly attending school designed to prepare client for gainful employment <p>NOTE: Income is not counted until the month following the month in which the individual becomes 22.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child or parent under age 18; and - Is enrolled in secondary school or a program for completion of a GED. <p>NOTE: Income is not counted until the month following the month in which the individual becomes 18 or is no longer enrolled in school or a GED program.</p>

1. Unearned Income

The conversion factors of 4.3, 2.15, and 2.0 will be used to convert weekly, pay every two weeks, and bi-monthly income to a monthly figure since TRIP financial eligibility is determined from a monthly amount.

a. Unearned income that must be counted includes:

- Public Assistance benefits
- Workers' Compensation benefits
- Black Lung benefits
- RSDI and SSI benefits
- Cash contributions
- Pensions
- Insurance
- Interest, rent, room and board income
- Any other type of unearned benefits

NOTE: Monthly foster care payments (in addition to any other income) for handicapped foster children will be considered as unearned income to the child. The income of the foster parents would not be considered as income to the foster child.

b. Deductions form Unearned Income

The only deduction given for unearned income is the Medicare premium amount (Part B).

c. Excluded Unearned Income

There is only one type of excluded unearned income for TRIP. It is:

For clients in personal care or nursing homes, only the personal living allowance or any other form of payment over and above the

Earn More Money and Keep Your Food Stamps

**From April 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000
the WV Dept. of Health and Human Resources
will exclude earnings from temporary Census 2000
jobs as income for Food Stamps.**

**You must still report Census earnings to DHHR, but
this means your paycheck from a Census 2000 job
will not affect your Food Stamp benefits. However,
the earnings still count for a WV WORKS check and
Medicaid.**

**Temporary Census jobs pay from \$7.50 to \$11.00
per hour. To find out about applying for one of
these jobs, call toll-free 1-888-325-7733.**

**If you have questions about the Food Stamp program
contact your local DHHR Office or call toll-free,
1-800-642-8589.**

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