



Food and
Nutrition
Service

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SUBJECT: FDPIR Federal Pandemic Unemployment Income Exclusion

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
MPRO, MWRO, NERO,
SERO, SWRO, and WRO

Food Distribution Directors
All FDPIR Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and State Agencies

On December 27, 2020, the President signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. Division N, Title VII, Section 702(d) of this Act excludes Federal pandemic unemployment compensation payments authorized under Section 2104 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the CARES Act; P.L. 116-136) from consideration as income for the purposes of determining FDPIR eligibility.

Please note, this exclusion only applies to the Federal pandemic unemployment compensation payments (i.e. the additional \$300 provided by the Act through the CARES Act and the initial Federal unemployment compensation payment of \$600 in the CARES Act).

FNS Regional Offices should ensure that ITOs and State agencies that administer FDPIR are apprised of this change. ITOs or State agencies with questions regarding this income exclusion should contact their respective Regional Office representative.

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