



Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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Food and
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POLICY NO: FD-074: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

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SUBJECT: Rebates from the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008

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The Economic Stimulus Act provides for rebates to many low and middle-income households. Specifically section 101(d) of that act states:

(d) Refunds Disregarded in the Administration of Federal Programs and Federally Assisted Programs – Any credit or refund allowed or made to any individual by reason of section 6428 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended by this section) or by reason of subsection (c) of this section shall not be taken into account as income and shall not be taken into account as resources for the month of receipt and the following 2 months, for purposes of determining eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal Program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

These rebate checks must be excluded as income when determining eligibility for participation in FDPIR.

Since the rebate amounts are excluded as a resource for the month of receipt and for the next 2 months, any household that receives a rebate and deposits it into an account (with or without other funds) would have the value of that account reduced by the amount of the rebate for the 3-month period. If the rebate is held as cash, it would not be counted. This policy applies to all applicant households as well as any household that reports a change in resource level. If the household indicates that it has exceeded its resource limit due to the rebate amount at the end of the 3-month period, action must be taken to terminate the household's participation in the program.

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