



POLICY MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Policy Memo is to inform eligibility sites of the income and resource eligibility rules for all Medical Assistance categories, regarding the Colorado Emergency Economic Stimulus payment. Executive Order D 2020 018 issued by Governor Jared Polis on October 28, 2020, is a one-time direct stimulus payment to qualifying individuals experiencing economic hardship caused by coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Please share this memo with all eligibility staff, supervisors, and outside agencies, as appropriate.

Information:

This Executive Order directs the Unemployment Insurance Division within the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) to make one-time direct stimulus payment of three hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$375) to qualifying individuals

experiencing economic hardships caused by COVID-19. This stimulus payment will be processed by December 4, 2020 and may occur in phases.

Eligible individuals who will receive this one-time payment of \$375 are all unemployment insurance claimants (UI) who had a weekly benefit allowance between \$25 and \$500 for any week between March 15, 2020 to October 24, 2020. This includes regular UI claimants as well as those receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), State Extended Benefits (SEB), and other types of unemployment benefits.

MAGI-Health First Colorado Eligibility Categories

According to federal law, an economic stimulus payment is not taxable. The economic stimulus payment is not countable income for MAGI and CHP+ eligibility determinations.

Non-MAGI-Health First Colorado Eligibility Categories

When an emergency economic stimulus payment is provided from state emergency funds, these payments are exempt based on 42 U.S.C. § 5155(d).

- Economic stimulus payments are not countable income for Non-MAGI eligibility determinations.
- Economic stimulus will not be a countable resource for all Non-MAGI financial eligibility determinations that require a resource test.

Patient Payments for Long Term Care Institutions

The economic stimulus payment is not countable income for eligibility determinations. As such, it will not be considered when calculating patient payment.

Attachment(s):

None

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