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Topic: Food Benefits

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify):

Policy/Rule Title:	Unemployment Compensation Benefits		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	461-145-0550	Release No:	
Effective Date:	November 24, 2009	Expiration:	N/A
References:	Counting Client Assets B.79		
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation: On Friday, November 6, 2009, the President signed into law the “Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009.” This act amends the way the SNAP program treats the extra \$25 in Unemployment Compensation (UC) benefits established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Oregon was notified on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, that the calculation of benefits would need to change for the SNAP program. Effective November 1, 2009, the extra \$25 in UC benefits will be excluded for the SNAP program.

The ERDC program will also be excluding the extra \$25 in UC benefits.

All other programs will continue to exclude the extra \$25 in UC benefits.

Effective immediately, the calculation of UC benefits needs to exclude these extra payments from this point forward. For any individual who is collecting UC weekly, this will result in a reduction of \$108 in their countable monthly income.

Central Office is working on identifying all existing cases with UC coded that will need to be reviewed individually. The cases are being filtered to determine which cases would be affected by the reduction in income. For example, all cases that are already receiving max benefits will be excluded. Branch offices will receive lists of the cases they will need to review during the first week of December.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: Central Office will identify cases that need to be updated centrally and staff will be informed how the cases will be updated.

Training/Communication Plan: Policy Transmittal only

Local/Branch Action Required: Implement this new policy immediately for all SNAP (formerly FS) and ERDC cases.

Central Office Action Required: Policy Transmittal, rule, policy.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

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