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Guidance for providers of Home & Community Based Services for application of Recovery Rebates

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This Notice informs providers of provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ([CARES](#)) Act (referred to as the "CARES Act").

The CARES Act provides a refundable tax credit for 2020 to eligible individuals. The Internal Revenue Service will provide payments in 2020 as an advance refund of credit to eligible individuals. These payments are called "Recovery Rebates".

- These payments are not counted as **income** when determining Medicaid eligibility.
- These payments are not counted as a **resource** for 12 months following receipt when determining Medicaid eligibility. However, any amount remaining after 12 months will be considered a resource and counted towards the maximum resource allowance.
- These payments are not reportable to the Department of Human Services.
- These payments do not require an income change transaction in MEDI.
- These payments are not to be collected by providers to be applied towards the resident's "group care credit".
- These payments are the resident's personal funds
- For residents that have a personal fund account managed by the LTC provider, refer to [DHS Policy Manual 20-08-11-c](#)

The "CARES Act" also provides that certain individuals collecting unemployment benefits may be eligible to receive an additional \$600 as "Pandemic Unemployment Compensation" per week for weeks of unemployment ending on or before July 31, 2020. The monthly equivalent of \$2580 in Pandemic Unemployment Compensation will be disregarded when determining countable income for the purpose of Medicaid eligibility.

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