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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

FROM: JENNIFER HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUAL REBATES UNDER THE
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY
(CARES) ACT FOR CALFRESH, CALIFORNIA WORK
OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS),
REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA), AND THE TRAFFICKING
AND CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TCVAP)

REFERENCE: [H.R. 748 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT](#); [TITLE 26, UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 6409](#); AND [TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS \(CFR\) SECTION 273.9\(C\)\(8\)](#)

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Treatment of Individual Rebates

Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6409, individual rebates authorized under the CARES Act are excluded from consideration as income in the month of receipt and as an asset for 12 months following receipt. A household/assistance unit (AU) will not be considered to have exceeded the income limit due to these payments because they are excluded, but receipt of these payments could affect a household's eligibility after 12 months if the payments cause the household to exceed the resource limit and if the resource limit is applicable to the household/AU.

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If you have any questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact:

For CalFresh, the CalFresh Policy Bureau at (916) 651-8047.

For CalWORKs, the Early Engagement and Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322.

For RCA and TCVAP, the Refugee Programs Bureau at (916) (916) 654-4356.