

Subject: Income Tax Refunds

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Good morning -

Under a new federal law, income tax refunds received after December 31, 2009 are excluded as income in the month of receipt and as assets (if retained) for 12 months for all federally-funded programs.

HUSKY, Medicaid LIA & Medicare Savings Programs and SNAP Households under 185% FPL - do not count any income tax refunds by households, including any Earned Income Tax Credit portion, as income. There are no asset considerations for these programs.

Other Medicaid for the Aged, Blind & Disabled groups, TFA, State Supplement and SNAP elderly/disabled households over 185% FPL - do not count any income tax refunds by households, including any Earned Income Tax Credit portion, as income in the month of receipt. Additionally, exclude any income tax returns, including any EITC, as assets to the extent retained for the following 12 months.

SAGA Cash - since SAGA cash is not federally-funded, continue to count any income tax refunds, including any EITC portions, as income in the month of receipt and as an asset to the extent retained.

Thanks for your attention. Please contact the Family Services Unit for any TFA or HUSKY-related questions and the Adult Services Unit for any Medicaid LIA, MAABD, State Supplement and SAGA related questions.

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