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**SUBJECT: Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 Rebates Received by FoodShare,
BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid Members**

CROSS REFERENCE: Section 101 of Title I of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2008

PURPOSE

This memo provides instruction about how to treat Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 rebates received by FoodShare, BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid members.

BACKGROUND

The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 provides a one time rebate payment to many low and middle income individuals and families. Issuance of these payments is expected to begin in May 2008. The average payment will be \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples with an additional \$300 for each eligible child. Individuals and families who do not file a 2007 federal tax form will not be eligible for a rebate payment.

POLICYINCOME

Exclude Economic Stimulus rebate checks as income for FoodShare, BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid.

ASSETS

Exclude the rebate checks as an asset for the month of receipt and for the next two months for EBD Medicaid.

After the three month period, any remaining amount will be counted as an asset for EBD Medicaid members.

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HProgram Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – Food Stamp Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WtW – Welfare to Work, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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