Hello,

BWF is providing a reminder on the treatment of economic stimulus payments, as this instruction was previously communicated as part of the COVID-19 Policy Adjustments.

The federal government recently provided continued emergency COVID-19 response and relief through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. This legislation provided stimulus payments (Economic Impact Payments) of $600 for each eligible individual plus $600 for each qualifying child. The economic stimulus payments must be disregarded as income when determining financial eligibility. If an individual reports receipt of this economic stimulus payment to the W-2 agency, the worker should disregard the income and not enter it in CWW. The payment is also disregarded as an asset for a period of 12 months.

The economic stimulus payments are not countable income for other programs, including BadgerCare Plus, EBD Medicaid, FoodShare, WisconsinShares, and the Caretaker Supplement program.

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If you have any questions regarding policies, please contact the W-2 Policy Mailbox at DCFW2PolicyQuestions@wisconsin.gov. For system or processing issues, please contact the Help Desk at BWFworkprogramsHD@wisconsin.gov. For contract questions, please contact Linda Richardson at Linda1.Richardson@wisconsin.gov. Your regional staff are also available for questions.

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