Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
    WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Amanda Hovis, Director
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DATE: May 4, 2021

SUBJECT: WIC Income Exclusions under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("the Act") includes recovery rebates for individuals and child tax credits for qualifying households. Local Agencies should exclude these income sources from consideration as household income when determining WIC eligibility.

2021 Recovery Rebates to Individuals - additional $1400 rebate payments to individuals deemed eligible to receive recovery rebates under the provisions of the Act, including children.

Child Tax Credit Improvements for 2021- the Act makes the Child Tax Credit fully refundable so that it is available in full to children in families with low or no earnings. It increases the maximum credit to $3,000 per child or $3,600 for children under the age of six and extends the Child Tax Credit to 17-year-olds. These changes only apply to calendar year 2021. The Child Tax Credit should be excluded from consideration as household income whether it is received as an annual credit or in the form of advance payments.

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