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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: SNAP – Excluding Combat Pay from Household Income

Overview

SNAP regulation mandates the exclusion of certain combat-related pay from household income. Combat pay earned by a service member while s/he is actively deployed or serving in a Federally-designated combat zone is noncountable for SNAP purposes. This allowance is usually paid in addition to the service member's basic pay. Only the portion of a service member's income that is available to the household may be counted for SNAP purposes.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of a minor edit to the Noncountable Income page and a new Online Guide page addressing Combat Pay.

**Revised Online
Guide Page:**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Eligibility Requirements
Chapter: Income
Subchapter: Noncountable Income
Page: Noncountable Income

**New Online
Guide Page:**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Eligibility Requirements
Chapter: Income
Subchapter: Noncountable Income
Page: Combat Pay

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
