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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT,
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

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**RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) CHILD TAX
CREDIT (CTC)**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (SNAP), TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA) AND MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE (MA)**

OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY

The Child Tax Credit (CTC) in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides a child tax credit to most working families with a child/children. Individuals who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020, or signed up to receive a stimulus check from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will automatically get this tax relief if eligible. All working families will get the full credit **if they make up to \$150,000 for a couple or \$112,500, for a family with a single parent (also called head of household).**

Low-income families with children are eligible for this crucial tax relief, including those who have not made enough money to be required to file taxes. If a couple makes under \$24,800, a head of household makes under \$18,650, or a single filer makes under \$12,400, and they have not filed their taxes, there is a simple, easy tool to sign up for the CTC:

- Customers who have not filed their taxes can go to [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit) and click on the sign-up link. They will need the following:
 - Social Security Numbers for themselves and all children,

- A reliable mailing address, and an e-mail address. and,
- Bank account information to receive the CTC payment safely and securely by direct deposit.

From July 2021 through December 2021, eligible individuals will receive the CTC on the 15th of every month through direct deposit or check. **The CTC payments are not countable for the purpose of determining eligibility for all FIA Programs.**

Eligible households will receive CTC in monthly payments as follows:

- \$250 for every child 6-17 years old,
- \$300 for every child under 6 years old

REQUIRED ACTION:

No actions are needed by local department case managers as the CTC benefit income is not countable and will be excluded from FIA Programs, including SNAP, TCA, and MA.

INQUIRIES: Please direct policy questions to the Office of Statewide Policy Compliance and Customer Service Performance by completing the [FIA Policy Information Request Form](#) found on Knowledge Base as shown in the screenshot below.

For systems questions, please email fia.bsdm@maryland.gov.

MA Policy: Please direct MAGI policy questions to the Maryland Department of Health, Office of Eligibility Services at mdh.mchppolicy@maryland.gov and Non-MAGI policy questions to mdh.oesinquiries@maryland.gov

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