



Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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POLICY NO.: FD-101: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

SUBJECT: Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund Payments

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) created the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund for certain veterans, or surviving spouses of veterans, who served in the military of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during World War II. Section 1002(c) of Public Law 111-5 directs the Secretary of Veteran Affairs to provide one time payments of up to \$15,000 to eligible individuals.

Section 1002(g) of Public Law 111-5 provides that these payments shall not be included as income or resources for the purposes of determining the eligibility of an individual for, or the amount of benefits under, any Federal or federally assisted program. Therefore, Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund payments must not be counted as income or as a resource in determining eligibility for FDPIR, CSFP or TEFAP.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathie McCullough", is positioned above the printed name.

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