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TO: Developers, Owners and Management Agents representing Owner's interest in Housing Tax Credit Developments

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SUBJECT: Stimulus Payments/Extended Unemployment Benefits by the CARES Act COVID-19

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) during a policy briefing session on June 5, 2020 confirmed that Housing Tax Credit Owners and Managers should rely on Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidance concerning the inclusion or exclusion of stimulus payments and the extra \$600 a week in unemployment insurance payments under the CARES Act.

HUD updated its [FAQ document](#) to include some clarifications about the treatment of households stimulus payments, as well as the temporary enhancement of unemployment insurance, when calculating household income and program eligibility.

“Household stimulus payments of up to \$1,200 and the temporary \$600 per week federal enhancement to unemployment insurance provided by the CARES Act are not to be included in calculations of income. However, HUD notes that regular payments of unemployment insurance (issued by the state) are treated as income, as is customary under program rules.” Please refer to “OC6” and “OC7” on pages 12 and 13 at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/COVID19_FAQSRound4final.pdf.

The \$600 weekly enhancement to unemployment benefits is scheduled to end on July 31, 2020.

Should you have any specific questions about the exclusion of the stimulus payments and the temporary \$600 per week federal enhancement to unemployment insurance, please contact Alisha Chandler, Assistant Vice President of Program Compliance at alisha.chandler@mshc.com.