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FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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RE: FLOOD INSURANCE PAYMENTS

PROGRAM AFFECTED: ALL PROGRAMS

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

This action transmittal provides policy about a recent amendment to the federal National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The Act was amended to state that payments made under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) are not counted as income or resources of the owner of the property when determining eligibility for any federal means-tested program.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awards grants to States and communities. The State or community then gives the payments to individuals and businesses for activities that reduce the risk of repetitive flood damage.

NEW POLICY:

Do not count any payments received by property owners under NFIP as a resource or as income.

CARES Procedures:

- Enter a Source code of “ON” (Other Non-Countable – All Programs) on the UINC screen.
- Enter the NFIP amount, verification code and frequency code.
- Call done.
INQUIRIES:

Please direct food stamp questions to Kay Finegan 410-767-7939 or Rick McClendon 410-767-7307. Direct TCA questions to Marilyn Lorenzo at 410-767-7333 or Gretchen Simpson at 410-767-7937 and TDAP questions to Cynthia Carpenter at 410-767-7495. Direct Medical Assistance or MCHP questions to Cathy Sturgill at 410-238-1247.

cc:  FIA Management Staff
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