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TO: TANF Cash Assistance Policy Manual Holders
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SUBJECT: Bulletin TB 76
Bulletin MA 113
Bulletin FMA 70
Bulletin SNAP 96
Bulletin HMK 1

TANF Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of TANF 400 and 500
SNAP Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of SNAP 400 and 500
ABD Medicaid: Place this bulletin between pages 24 & 25 of MA 402-1 and between pages 14 and 15 of MA 501-1
FMA Medicaid: Place this bulletin between pages 18 & 19 of FMA 402-1 and between pages 12 & 13 of FMA 501-1
HMK Manual: Place this bulletin after the end of Section 4.4, Unearned Income

SUBJECT: Keepseagle vs. Vilsack - Settlement of Tribal Trust Accounting and Management Lawsuits

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately upon receipt

INTRODUCTION: Keepseagle vs. Vilsack is a class action lawsuit filed against the U.S. Department of Agriculture, alleging that the USDA discriminated against Native Americans in its farm loan and farm loan servicing programs.

NEW POLICY: **SNAP and TANF** - Payments derived from this settlement are excluded as income in the month received and are countable as a resource both in the month received and in subsequent months to the extent retained thereafter.

ABD and FMA Medicaid and HMK: Payments from the Keepseagle Settlement are countable income in the month of receipt, to the extent they can be anticipated, and a countable resource to the extent retained into future months.

**UPDATED MANUAL MATERIAL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;
UNTIL THAT TIME, USE THIS BULLETIN AS A GUIDE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL POLICY SPECIALIST**

