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Subject: **Hepatitis C Compensation Exemptions**

*The Employment and Income Assistance Regulation* currently exempts the federal-provincial Hepatitis C Compensation settlement for individuals infected during the period of January 1986 to June 1990, as well as compensation under the Manitoba Hepatitis C Assistance Program (MHCAP).

The *EIA Regulation* has been amended to allow for the exemption of compensation payments received from other Hepatitis C programs that are similar to the MHCP. Please note that these exemptions do not apply to compensation that has been awarded to offset loss, or replacement of income. The amended Regulation comes into effect January 1, 2003.

Subclauses 8.1(a)(xi) and (xii) of the *EIA Regulation* will now read as follows:

*In calculating the financial resources of an applicant or recipient, the director shall exempt*

*a. the following assets:*

*(xi) compensation under the Manitoba Hepatitis C Assistance Program or a similar program of another Canadian jurisdiction except for any portion of the compensation that is for loss or replacement of income,*

*(xii) compensation received from the Pre 1986/Post 1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Fund established by the Canadian Red Cross Society and others;*

Participants who have already advised staff that they have received a Hepatitis C compensation payment should not be contacted. If the payment meets the description in the amendment the participant should be advised that the payment is exempt.

Participants who have, or who will receive, Hepatitis C compensation payments are to be requested to provide a copy of the compensation award letter as verification of the source of the funds.

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