



Memorandum

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TO: Regional Medical Directors for
Health Service Regions 4/5, 6 & 5 South, 9/10 and 11
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: Military Combat Pay

This memo provides guidance regarding combat pay received by some military families.

Military personnel who are deployed to a designated combat zone may receive combat pay. Combat pay is defined as an additional payment and would normally be reflected in the entitlements column of the military Leave and Earning Statement (LES). Combat pay that can be excluded may be listed on the LES as Hostile Fire Pay / Imminent Danger Pay (HFP/IDP) and Hardship Duty Pay (HDP).

Military combat pay may now be **excluded** from WIC income eligibility determination if it is:

- Received in addition to the basic pay
- Received as a result of the service member's deployment to an area designated a combat zone **and**
- Not received by the service member prior to deployment to the designated combat zone

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Megan Downing, Program Specialist, Information Response Management Group, at 1-877-341-4491, press 1, ext 2349 or by email Megan.Downing@dshs.state.tx.us, or contact your IRM Liaison at 1-877-341-4491 option 6, followed by option 4.