



## **CCSE Bulletin 21-03**

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**To:** Eligibility Services Supervisors and Staff  
Program Managers  
Regional Directors  
Regional Attorneys  
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**From:** Access and Eligibility Services Program Policy  
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**Subject: COVID-19 Update: Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**

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The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

Active bulletins are posted on the following websites:

- Community Care Services Eligibility Handbook (CCSEH) at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/ccse/community-care-services-eligibility-handbook>.

## **COVID-19 Update: Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**

### **Background**

To assist Americans impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, H.R. 1319, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 passed by the United States Congress on March 11, 2021 provides direct tax credits to eligible people.

H.R. 1319 authorizes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to issue advance CTC payments to eligible households with a qualifying child. These payments will be issued beginning July 15, 2021 and end by December 31, 2021.

Additionally, H.R. 1319 expands eligibility for who can receive the EITC and increases the amount for the EITC.

### **COVID-19 Policy**

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Federal tax refunds, including CTC and EITC payments, are exempt as income and resources for eligibility purposes. Staff are not required to monitor exempt income at subsequent financial redeterminations. ([CCSEH 3330.2](#), Exempt Income; [CCSEH 3230](#), Resource Exclusions)

### **Automation**

Automation changes are not required.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence changes are not required.

### **Handbook**

Handbook updates are not required.

### **Training**

Training is not required.

### **Effective Date**

This policy is effective with the release of this bulletin.