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Changes to Income and Cash Assets Tests – Methamphetamine Contamination Recovery

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These documents have been proactively released.

Cabinet minute confirmed on 15 April 2019.

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Cabinet has agreed to amend the Social Security Regulations 2018 and the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Regulations 2018 to exempt refund payments related to debt incurred due to former zero-tolerance methamphetamine contamination policies from income and cash asset tests for social assistance.

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Note:

- The Order in Council for the Social Security (Cash Assets and Income Exemptions – Refunds of Specified Debt Repayments) Amendment Regulations 2019 has been released publicly on the New Zealand legislation website here:
www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2019/0076/latest/LMS185141.html
- The Order in Council for the Residential Care and Disability Support Services (Exempt Assets – Refunds of Specified Debt Repayments) Amendment Regulations 2019 has been released publicly on the New Zealand legislation website here:
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