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Factsheet for case **DE-2020-14/817**

Emergency child supplement

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Country	Germany, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 01 April 2020 - 30 September 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Measures to prevent social hardship – Preventing indebtedness
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Background information

The emergency child supplement is part of the German government's response to the COVID-19 crisis and constitutes a time limited amendment regarding access to an existing benefit (child supplement - Kinderzuschlag) which is usually available to support low income families. It is additional to regular child benefit and other support measures available to low income households.

It is part of a broader package of social measures adopted by the government to address the economic consequences of the crisis (Sozialschutz-Paket) and is mainly intended to ease access to benefits and services.

Content of measure

Provisions for the emergency child supplement (Notfall KiZ) makes the following amendments to existing regulations governing the child supplement available to low income families:

Between 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2020, the provision of this means tested benefit will not be assessed on the basis of the parental income over the last 6 months, but instead only over the last month (to take account of families suffering a dramatic, immediate and potentially short-term reduction in income as a result of short-time working or unemployment linked to the crisis).

No information has to be provided on savings and other resources available to the family. This provision is aimed to speed up the claims process.

The benefit remains targeted at low income families, with eligibility thresholds linked to income remaining

unchanged.

Use of measure

No information available to date (May 2020).

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Parents	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Unknown

Social partners in Germany are consulted on a regular and ongoing basis. No specific information is available regarding consultation on the amendment of this measure.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 06 May 2020: Description emergency child supplement (familienportal.de)