



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Office of Management and Budget

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Aaniin Band Members,

We hope this communication finds you and yours doing well!

We are writing to inform you that the January 2026 Per Capita and Tribal General Welfare Program payments (Payments) will be processed with a payment date of January 2, 2026, which is the first Federal Reserve Bank (banking) business day following the January 1 holiday. Because of the holiday, deposits cannot be processed on Thursday January 1, 2026.

Why not make the Payments prior to January 1, 2026?

Making the payment date prior to January 1, 2026 would result in recipients receiving an “additional” payment in 2025 (they would receive two, instead of one, payment in December 2025). Doing so would cause an adverse impact to many Band Members in two ways: a) recipients who receives some form of needs/income-based assistance where income is measured, would have two, rather than one, payment receipt in December 2025; and b) January’s payment getting pushed backwards into 2025 causes taxable income that should be in 2026 to be reflected in tax year 2025, rather than tax year 2026.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and hope you understand the reasoning and appreciate the advanced notice.

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/s/ Mel Towle

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