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RE: ONE-TIME ONLY ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENT

PROGRAM AFFECTED: ALL PROGRAMS

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

On February 17, 2009, the President signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The law provides for a one-time payment of $250 for certain individuals who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement and Veterans benefits. The one-time payment is separate from the Social Security or SSI monthly benefit payment. The Social Security Administration (SSA) anticipates issuing most of the checks by late May 2009. For all programs the payments are excluded for the month of receipt and for the following 9 months.

The following individuals will NOT receive the one-time payment:

- Anyone living outside of the United States or its territories;
- Individuals who no longer are lawfully present in the United States;
- Individuals whose benefits have been suspended under the law for giving false or misleading statements;
- Social Security beneficiaries who are minor children;
- SSI beneficiaries who receive benefits at a reduced rate of $30 because they live in a medical treatment facility (such as a nursing home or hospital) and Medicaid pays over 50% of the cost of their care;
- Individuals only entitled to Medicare and not to Social Security or SSI benefits; and
- Every situation is different, and there may be exceptions to these rules.
NOTE: Disabled adult children receiving Social Security or children receiving SSI payments will receive the one-time payment.

ACTION REQUIRED

Do not count this one-time payment as a resource or income for any program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

You may refer customers who call about the stimulus check as follows:

- Social Security or SSI beneficiaries at www.socialsecurity.gov.
- Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) at www.rrb.gov or call 1-877-772-5772 (1-877-RRB-5RRB; TTY 1-312-751-4701) for more information.
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at www.va.gov or contact your local VA facility for more information.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct FSP policy questions to Rick McClendon at 410-767-7307. For TCA and RCA questions contact Marilyn Lorenzo at 410-767-7333. For MA policy questions, contact the DHMH Division of Eligibility Policy and MCHP at 410-767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 (select option 2 and request extension 1463).

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