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Family Investment Administration
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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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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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