

Operations Memorandum - Cash Assistance

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SUBJECT: Economic Recovery Payment of \$250
TO: Executive Directors
FROM: Joanne Glover, Director, Bureau of Operations

Purpose

To inform County Assistance Offices (CAOs) that, effective immediately, a one-time \$250 payment will be made to certain individuals and to provide instructions on CAOs' treatment of that payment.

Background/Discussion

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. One of the provisions of the Act provides a one-time Economic Recovery Payment of \$250 to most adults who receive Social Security benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits or veterans' benefits (compensation or pension) and to adults and children who receive Supplemental Security Income benefits. It is expected that individuals will receive the payment by the end of May 2009.

As part of the Department of Public Welfare's continuing effort to promote program efficiency, this one-time Economic Recovery Payment of \$250 will **not** be counted as income for any program (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Assistance, Medical Assistance, Food Stamps or Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program).

It will also **not** be counted as a resource in the month of receipt or for nine months following the month of receipt. CAOs may narrate receipt of this payment. No system entries are required.

Note: It is not likely that any of the recipients of this payment will have any funds remaining after the nine month period. A resource review is not required at the end of this period.

Next Steps

1. Review this information with appropriate staff.
2. Direct any questions to your Area Manager.

