

**Policy Clarifications - Cash Assistance - All
Medicaid - All
Food Stamp
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Subject: Simmons v. Snider Settlement Reimbursement Check

One of our recipients received a check in the mail in the amount of \$101.97. An attachment to the check stated that it was a final settlement check from the Simmons Class Action Fund. What are these settlements, and how do they affect eligibility for Cash, MA and FS programs?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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There have been a number of clients who have reported receiving these reimbursement checks. They are legitimate payments. The issuance of these checks is based on a November 15, 2007 Commonwealth Court Ruling ordering the distribution of remaining funds relative to the Henry Simmons class action lawsuit (Simmons v. Snider Settlement Program).

These checks are a final distribution to former GA recipients who received interim assistance while their SSI application was being appealed. The amounts represent reimbursements for legal fees.

This payment will have no effect on cash or MA eligibility. For food stamps, the payment is excluded as it is a reimbursement which does not exceed the actual expense and is not a gain or benefit to the household (7 CFR 273.9(c)(5)).