2009 One-Time Payments
What LTC Ombudsman Programs Should Know

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What Will We Cover?

• Background on one-time payments
• Who gets a one-time payment
• Who doesn’t get a one-time payment
• Timing of one-time payments
• Will the one-time payment count? No!
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One-Time Payment

• $250 one-time payment going to *almost* everyone who gets:
  – Social Security,
  – Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and/or
  – Railroad Retirement Benefits, and Veterans, Disability Compensation or Pension Benefits.
• As long as they received a benefit in November, or December 2008 or January 2009
• Spouses *each* get a one-time payment

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One-time Payment, cont.

• Some people will *not* get one-time payments:
  – People who owe state or federal agencies money or are delinquent in child support – money will be offset
  – People not legally in US
  – People living overseas
  – People denied benefits because they made false or misleading statements
  – People in prison or who violated parole or probation, plus fleeing felons
  – Kids getting Social Security
    • *But* SSI kids do get a payment
Some people living facilities who do not get a one-time payment

– Some people living in facilities do not get a one-time payment
  • People on SSI on Medicaid living in nursing homes or
  • People on SSI living in some types of governmentally run facilities
Timing of one-time Payment (cont.)

- Will be received by first week in June 2009
- **NO need to file a tax return or take any action**
  - SSA, VA and RRB making the payment automatically
- The one-time payment will be made separately from regular monthly benefit payments.
  - Payment method will be the same as for monthly benefit (direct deposit or mailed check).
- Payment won’t count as income for purposes of determining eligibility for or amount of any federal, state, or local benefit.
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Resources

One-time payment resources
- http://www.mymedicarecommunity.org/attachment.php?attachmentid=289&d=1240352579 (Flyers for LTC residents)

ARRA resources
- http://www.recovery.gov (Review how and when money is being spent under the stimulus legislation)
- http://www.ssa.gov/payment (Read more about the one-time $250 payment to Social Security and SSI recipients.
- http://www.mymedicarecommunity.org/showthread.php?t=4102 (Webinar training and other resources from the National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment and My Medicare Matters)
Questions/Comments?

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