

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!
- One-time payment resources
- Questions/comments

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

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)
- <http://www.mymedicarecommunity.org/attachment.php?attachmentid=288&stc=1&d=1240352496> (General consumer flyer)

ARRA resources

- <http://www.recovery.gov> (Review how and when money is being spent under the stimulus legislation)
- <http://www.mymedicarecommunity.org/attachment.php?attachmentid=277&stc=1&d=1239037166> (The text of the Recovery Act)
- <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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