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To: State Unit Directors  
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RE: Economic Stimulus Single Payment Alert

On Tuesday, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This new legislation provides a one-time payment of \$250 to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Individuals receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or Railroad Retirement Board are also be eligible for these one-time payments.

Over 60 million beneficiaries will receive a one-time payment. A one-time \$250 payment will be issued to an individual eligible under the enumerated programs in any month during the three month period prior to the enactment of the stimulus. **An individual eligible under more than one program will receive only one payment.** The Secretary of the Treasury must issue the payment as soon as possible, but no later than 120 days after enactment.

The payments are expected to be delivered by late May 2009. **No action is required on the part of beneficiaries; they will automatically receive the payment.** The payment will arrive separately from the usual monthly payment. Beneficiaries should contact Social Security if they do not receive their payment by June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The payment will be delivered in the same way the current Social Security or SSI benefit is currently delivered. If the payment is usually delivered by check, the one-time payment will be delivered by check. If the beneficiary usually receives a monthly direct deposit or Direct Express<sup>®</sup> debit card payment, that is how they will receive the one-time payment.

Payments are disregarded as a resource for purposes of eligibility under any federal program or any state or local program financed in whole or in part with federal funds. This disregard is effective for the month of receipt and the following nine months. The payments are not considered taxable income.

Further information will be posted on the Social Security website as it becomes available.

Economic Stimulus Single Payment webpage:

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payment/>