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SUBJECT:

**Social Security Economic Recovery
One-Time Payment**

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SCOPE:

County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Administrators
Supports Coordination Organization Directors
Administrative Entity Administrators or Directors
Providers of Community Mental Retardation Residential Services under
55 Pa.Code Chapters 3800, 5310, 6400, 6500

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide direction regarding the 2009 one-time stimulus check of \$250.00 for individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security benefits.

BACKGROUND:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub.L.111-5) provides for a one-time payment of \$250.00 to disabled individuals, retirees, and those who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the Social Security Administration. Railroad retirement beneficiaries and disabled veterans who receive benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs will also receive a stimulus check. According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), individuals will receive these payments from their respective agencies and not the IRS.

DISCUSSION:

Title 55 Pa.Code § 6200.3 (relating to definitions) states the following:

SSI maximum rate – The current maximum monthly supplemental security income benefit rate.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The Appropriate Developmental Programs Regional Office

Since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for a one-time payment, the Department has interpreted this one-time payment to be outside the scope of § 6200.3. Therefore, individuals residing within community residential homes licensed under 55 Pa.Code Chapters 3800, 5310, 6400, 6500 may keep the \$250.00 stimulus check for their own use. County Mental Health and Mental Retardation administrators, Supports Coordination Organization directors, Administrative Entity administrators or directors and providers of Community Mental Retardation Residential services under 55 Pa.Code Chapters 3800, 5310, 6400, and 6500 should not use the stimulus check payment to calculate an individual's room and board charges.

REGULATION INTERPRETATION:

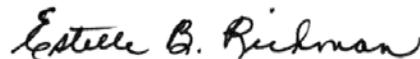
The regulation interpretation is contained in Annex A to this statement of policy.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This statement of policy is effective on May 30, 2009, upon publication in *The Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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