



SOAR SSA UPDATE

One-Time Stimulus Payments

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (often referred to as the stimulus bill), has the following provisions for those who receive SSI/SSDI benefits, Medicaid and/or Medicare.

- A one-time stimulus payment of \$250 for individuals who receive SSI, SSDI and some other Social Security beneficiaries. The payment is scheduled to be issued in the same way the person receives benefits (e.g., paper checks, direct deposit) in May, 2009. (Note: SSA requests that individuals wait until 6/4/09 to inquire about payments if they haven't received them).
 - Those eligible must reside in the continental U.S., so those in Alaska and Hawaii will not receive these payments
 - Also ineligible are individuals who receive the SSI reduced rate because they live in a medical treatment facility, e.g., nursing home
 - This additional payment is not considered income and will not be counted as a resource for SSI recipients for 10 months
- Recipients of Railroad Retirement Act benefits and VA benefits are eligible for the \$250 payment
- This payment will not count as gross income for tax purposes
- For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov

Extension of QI-1

- QI-1 has been extended through December 31, 2010.

FMAP

- States will receive an \$87 million increase in the Federal share of Medicaid so that the Federal match will have a temporary boost

Case Management Regulations

- The delay in the implementation of proposed case management regulations that would restrict access to case management has been extended to July 1, 2009

Also included are the following that relate to assisting people who are homeless with SSI/SSDI:

- \$500 million to replace Social Security's computer center
- \$500 million to help reduce SSA's backlog (for FY 2009, SSA has more than 166,000 cases that are 850 days old or older)
- \$140 million for Centers for Independent Living
- \$450 million for vocational rehabilitation programs