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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No. : 09-22  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALIST/LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: INCOME EXEMPTION FOR THE INCREASE TO BOTH REGULAR AND  
EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Division B, Title II, Section 2002 (h) provides for a Federal Stimulus increase to both regular and extended Unemployment Benefits by \$25 a week. The increases will begin with the week of February 22, 2009, for both new and existing claims. The monthly equivalent to the \$25 weekly increase shall be exempt income and, as such, shall not be considered for purposes of determining Medi-Cal eligibility or share-of-cost (SOC).

To be eligible for the additional Unemployment Compensation Benefit payments an individual must:

- Have a regular Unemployment Compensation Benefits claim, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) claim, or federal extension claim that began on or before December 20, 2009, or
- Submit a continued claim form for a week or weeks beginning on or after February 22, 2009 and;
- Be eligible for at least \$1 in Unemployment Compensation Benefits, and
- Meet all other criteria.

Any individuals who have a claim effective December 20, 2009, and have not exhausted all rights to regular compensation can receive the additional \$25 weekly benefit up to June 30, 2010.

Effective immediately, applicants/beneficiaries or representatives who report the receipt of the \$25 Federal Stimulus increase in their Unemployment Compensation Benefit as described above, shall be required to provide verification sufficient to identify the nature of the increase in order to receive the income exemption. (See enclosed sample).

Counties shall rescind any discontinuance, denial or SOC notice of action (NOA) issued as they become aware of any case that was adversely affected as a result of the delay in implementing this provision of the ARRA. Counties shall then retroactively re-determine eligibility and SOC as appropriate and reissue NOAs.

If you have questions regarding this issue, please call Mr. Craig Yagi, of my staff, at (916) 552-9522.

Original Signed By

Vivian Auble, Chief  
Medi-Cal Eligibility Division

Enclosure

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CLAIM EXPIRES

SSA# [REDACTED] / WEEK PAID 03-13-10 [REDACTED]

04-04-09 \$450.00  
04-11-09 \$450.00

YOUR CLAIM BALANCE AFTER THIS PAYMENT IS \$10350.00  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION IS TAXABLE. A QUESTION ON THE CLAIM FORM ALLOWS YOU TO REQUEST  
FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING AT 10% OF YOUR PAYABLE AMOUNT. YOU MAKE A NEW WITHHOLDING  
CHOICE ON EACH CLAIM FORM YOU SUBMIT.  
THE ATTACHED CHECK INCLUDES A FEDERAL STIMULUS PAYMENT.

Regular  
Benefit

★ Sec check below.

ALLOW 10 DAYS FOR DELIVERY OF CHECK.

DETACH THIS STUB FOR YOUR RECORD

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CONTINUED  
CLAIM

[REDACTED] 03-15-09 [REDACTED] A A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. SEE SECTION A. ON BACK FOR EXAMPLES  
OF HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR ANSWERS. Each question is explained  
in your booklet, A Guide to Benefits and Employment Services.

Begins Ends	1ST WEEK		Begins Ends	2ND WEEK	
	04-12-09 04-18-09	04-19-09 04-25-09		YES	NO

COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM ON 04-26-09

- Were you too sick or injured to work?  YES  NO  YES  NO  
If yes, enter the number of days (1 through 7) you were unable to work.  (1-7)  (1-7)
- Was there any reason (other than sickness or injury) that you could not have  
accepted full time work each workday?  YES  NO  YES  NO
- Did you look for work?  YES  NO  YES  NO  
 IF MARKED 'X', YOU MUST COMPLETE SEC. B., WORK-SEARCH RECORD, ON REVERSE.
- Did you refuse any work?  YES  NO  YES  NO
- Did you attend any kind of school or training?  YES  NO  YES  NO
- Do you work or earn money, WHETHER FULL TIME, PART TIME, OR SEASONAL?  
If yes, you MUST complete items a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z.  
Enter earnings before deductions here: \$ [REDACTED]  
Enter amount of earnings withheld here: \$ [REDACTED]

**SAMPLE**

LAST WEEK	TOTAL WEEKS WORKED	EMPLOYER NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS, INCLUDE ZIP CODE	REASON NO LONGER WORKING (OR WRITE "STILL WORKING")
1ST WEEK			
2ND WEEK			

- If you want federal income tax withheld for the week(s) shown above,  
mark this block
- If you had a change of mailing address or phone number,  
mark this block and complete Sec. D on reverse

NORCAL AUTHORIZATION CENTER  
PO BOX 989057  
WEST SACRAMENTO CA 95798-9057

I understand the questions on this form. I know the law provides penalties  
I make false statements or withhold facts to receive benefits; my answers  
true and correct. I declare under penalty of perjury that I am a U.S. citizen  
national; or an alien in satisfactory immigration status and permitted to work  
USCIS. I signed this form after the latest date for which I am claiming ben

X  
(your signature is required)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BILL LOCKYER, TREASURER



03-15-09 A 04-15-09  
EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
VOID IF OVER \$950, OR IF NOT CASHED  
WITHIN 1 YEAR FROM DATE ISSUED

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: **\$5000**

PAY TO  
THE ORDER OF:

\*\*\*NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS\*\*\*

\$950.00

**SAMPLE**

[REDACTED] DIRECTOR  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNT

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