

All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County Outstationed Eligibility Workers Coordinators
All County Public Health Directors
All County Mental Health Directors
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Medi-Cal staff called the organizations referenced above and confirmed the COLA receipt dates as shown below:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Month of Receipt</u>
State Teachers Retirement (STRs)	October*
Public Employee Retirement (PERs)	May
Civil Service Annuities	January
Railroad Retirement	January
Veterans Administration	January

*As a result of Senate Bill 713, enacted into law and effective January 2000, certain retired STRS members, optional beneficiaries and surviving spouses will receive minimum annual allowances. These individuals are to receive notification regarding these benefits in April 2000, and will receive a retroactive payment for January to May 2000, in June 2000. The lump-sum portion for January to May 2000 not income but should be included in their property reserve. In addition to the October COLA, STRS payment are subject to regular quarterly adjustments which need to be prorated.

If you have questions regarding this ACWDL, please contact Mr. Craig Yagi of my staff at (916) 657-1182.

Sincerely,

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Angeline Mrva, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch