

## State of California—Health and Human Services Agency Department of Health Care Services



April 29, 2009

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.

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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

WEEK PAID 03-13-10

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 FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING AT 10% OF YOUR PAYABLE AMOUNT. CHOICE ON EACH CLAIM FORM YOU SUBMIT. A QUESTION ON THE CLAIM FORM ALLOWS YOU TO REQUEST YOU MAKE A NEW WITHHOLDING

Regular Benefit

THE ATTACHED CHECK INCLUDES A FEDERAL STIMULUS PAYMENT.

See check below.

ALLOW 10 DAYS FOR DELIVERY OF CHECK.

DETACH THIS STUB FOR YOUR RECORD

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## CONTINUED CLAIM 03-15-09 IST WEEK 2ND WEEK ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. SEE SECTION A. ON BACK FOR EXAMPLES Begins Begins 04-12-09 04-19-09 Ends Ends OF HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR ANSWERS. Each question is explained 04-18-09 04-25-09 in your booklet, A Guide to Benefits and Employment Services. YES YES NO NO COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM ON 04-26-09 . Were you too sick or injured to work? 0 0 If yes, enter the number of days (1 through 7) you were unable to work. (1 - 7)(1 - 7)2. Was there any reason (other than sickness or injury) that you could not have accepted full time work each workday? 0 0 3. Did you look for work? 0 - IF MARKED 'X', YOU MUST COMPLETE SEC. B., WORK-SEARCH RECORD, O 4. Did you refuse any work 0 n attendin ind of scho raining 0 you work <u>or</u> earn WHETH D OR N (I yes, you MUST C ems a. Enter earnings be ns hem employm information be earn

LAST YER NAME AND MA ADDR SS - INCLUDE ZIP CODE 1ST 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

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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. chizer national; or an alien in satisfactory immigration status and permitted to wu USCIS. I signed this form after the latest date for which I am claiming ban

X

(your signature is required)

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PERIOD ENDING

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04-11-09 DATE ISSUED

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

\$950.00\*\*

THE ORDER OF: \*\*NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*





UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNT

