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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 09-54  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIASONS  
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: PAYMENTS FROM VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES PROGRAM

The purpose of this letter is to clarify that Victims Compensation payments made by any state are to be considered exempt income in the month of receipt and exempt property for nine months following the month of receipt. Currently, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections (§) 50448 and § 50534 exempt payments made by the California Victims of Crimes program for the month of receipt from consideration as income and continue to exempt those payments for nine months following the month of receipt from consideration as property.

Applicants or beneficiaries who report the receipt of a Victims' Compensation Program shall be required to provide verification sufficient to document the source of the payment.

As counties become aware of any case that was adversely affected because a Victims Compensation payment was made by another state, Counties shall rescind any incorrect discontinuance, denial or share-of-cost (SOC) notice of action (NOA) issued. Counties shall then retroactively redetermine eligibility and SOC's, as appropriate, and issue corrected NOAs.

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