



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Medical Assistance

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Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor
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April 27, 2009

Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Public Law 111-5

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attached to this letter are the English and Spanish versions of a notice that will be included in the May and June 2009 Medicaid ID cards. The English version will be sent in May and the Spanish version will be sent in June.

The notice informs recipients of how payments under the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will affect their eligibility for Medicaid, Special Assistance, Work First and Food and Nutrition Services.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative. For any issues that are not able to be handled through that venue, Angela Floyd, Assistant Director for Recipient and Provider Services, will be your point of contact and can be reached at (919) 855-4000.

Sincerely,

Craig L. Gray, MD, MBA, JD, Director

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Attachment

(Una versión en español de este aviso se le enviará junto con la tarjeta de Medicaid el próximo mes.)

How will the Economic Recovery payment affect your assistance?

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009”(ARRA '09) which provides for a one time, \$250 payment for certain individuals who receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement or Veterans benefits. If eligible for the payment, individuals should receive the payment by the end of May 2009.

This payment will not be counted as income for Special Assistance, Medicaid, NC Health Choice, Work First, and Food and Nutrition Services. This payment will also be excluded as a countable resource for nine months following receipt.

The ARRA '09 also provides for a \$25.00 weekly supplement for certain recipients of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) effective with the week ending February 28, 2009. This weekly supplement will not be counted as income for Medicaid and NC Health Choice.

However, the \$25.00 weekly UIB supplement **will be counted** as income for Work First and Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). You are responsible for reporting this to your Work First and/or FNS caseworker if you receive this benefit.

An English version of this notice was sent with last month's Medicaid ID card.

¿Cómo el pago de la recuperación económica afectará sus beneficios?

El 17 de febrero de 2009, el Presidente Obama firmó una nueva ley de recuperación económica “El Acta de Recuperación y Reinversión Americana del 2009” (ARRA 09 sus siglas en inglés). Esta ley provee un pago por vez única de \$250 dólares para ciertas personas que reciben Seguro Social, Seguridad de Ingreso Suplementario (SSI), Jubilación Ferroviaria y a los veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Si usted es elegible, recibirá este pago para finales de mayo del 2009.

Este pago no afectará la ayuda que recibe de Asistencia Especial, Medicaid, NC Health Choice, Work First y Servicios de Alimentos y Nutrición (FSN). Este pago semanal también será excluido por nueve meses como ingreso contable.

El ARRA' 09 también proveerá un suplemento semanal de \$25.00 para ciertas personas que reciben un seguro de desempleo (UIB sus siglas en inglés) en efecto desde la semana que finalizó el 28 de febrero de 2009. Este suplemento semanal tampoco será contado como ingreso para Medicaid y NC Health Choice.

Sin embargo, el suplemento semanal de \$25.00 **será contado** como ingreso para Work First y Servicios de Alimentos y Nutrición. Usted es responsable de reportar estos pagos a su trabajador social de Work First y de Servicios de Alimentos y Nutrición (FSN).