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SEPTEMBER 11TH FEDERAL VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND

Date: February 13, 2004	Subtopic(s): Public Assistance, Food Stamps, Medicaid
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>Failure to Report the Receipt of Income.</p> <p>Overpayments are calculated based on the date the money was received and change reporting requirements.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to provide staff with a clarification regarding the September 11th Federal Victim Compensation Fund. In PB #01-66-EMP, staff were informed that certain federal benefits relating to the World Trade Center disaster were exempt as resource and income for Public Assistance, Food Stamps and/or Medical Assistance (PA, FS, MA).</p> <p>However, any payments/awards from the September 11th Federal Victim Compensation Fund <u>are not exempt</u> for PA, FS, and MA purposes. Income from this fund must be counted as income or resources from the <u>date of receipt</u> going forward using applicable change processing and notification time frames.</p> <p>Payments from this fund will normally be in a lump sum. If the recipient of a payment/award from the September 11th Federal Victim Compensation Fund is applying for or is in receipt of PA, FS and/or MA, the income must be reported and budgeted as per current procedure.</p> <p>Please note that for FS, nonrecurring lump sum payments are excluded as income but are considered a resource.</p> <p>Failure by a participant to report receipt of funds from the September 11th Federal Victim Compensation Fund in accordance with the change reporting rules may result in recoupment of PA and/or FS benefits.</p> <p>Note: Benefits issued <u>prior to the receipt</u> of income from this fund cannot be recouped. Also, these funds cannot be used to satisfy any liens.</p>

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?
Call (718) 557-1313 then press 2 at the prompt followed by 765 or
send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center*

Participant reports receipt of funds from September 11th Federal Victim Compensation Fund

In instances where a participant reports receipt of income from this fund, Job Center Workers must:

- complete the September 11th Federal Victim Compensation Fund Referral Form (**W-592T**); and
- forward the referral and documentation to the Office of Revenue and Investigation (ORI) at the address listed on the referral for evaluation before taking any actions on the PA case required by the receipt of this income.
- In addition to forwarding the referral packet, fax the **W-592T** to ORI at (212) 274-6595.

Upon receipt, ORI will review the award and will provide Workers with any additional (if any) instructions regarding the treatment of the income reported.

Effective Immediately

🖨️ Forms can now be accessed through Print on Demand at all Job Centers.

Attachment:

W-592T September 11th Federal Victim Compensation Fund Referral Form

SEPTEMBER 11TH FEDERAL VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND REFERRAL FORM

Date of referral: _____

To: Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Office of Revenue and Investigation
250 Church Street, Third Floor
New York, N. Y. 10013
FAX # (212) 274-6595

From Job Center: _____

Worker name: _____

Phone # _____

Case # _____

Participant's name: _____

Participant's address: _____

Participant's phone number: _____

Participant's social security number: _____

Type of income: _____

Amount of income: _____

Date of initial receipt of income _____

The above participant has reported income related to the September 11th tragedies

Attach copies of all pertinent documents to the referral form.