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TO: Commissioners of  
 Social Services

DIVISION: Economic  
 Security

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SUBJECT: Clarification of Lump Sum Policy for Retroactive SSI  
 Recipients

SUGGESTED  
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FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
84 ADM-39		352.2(b) 352.29(h)		PASB XVI-O-1 to XVI-O-13	

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Districts have asked how to treat public assistance recipients who receive a lump sum Social Security benefit RSDI in one month and later receive a lump sum Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit in a following month, which is retroactive to the month the lump sum RSDI benefit was received.

A client is considered an SSI recipient only when the retroactive SSI benefit is actually received, not during the retroactive months which the lump sum SSI benefit covers. Therefore, SSI invisibility rules do not apply to PG-ADC and ADC recipients during the retroactive period.

SSI invisibility rules never apply to HR clients, under any circumstances.

An example will illustrate this:

John Smith and his son are ADC recipients that have PA needs of \$600 per month. In January of 1993, John receives a lump sum RSDI benefit of \$3,000. At that point, the agency determines a lump sum ineligibility period. This is done as follows:

$$\$3,000 \text{ (lump sum)} \div \$600 \text{ (PA Needs)} = 5 \text{ months}$$

John and his son are ineligible for PA for a 5 month period.

In March 1993, John receives a retroactive SSI check for \$1,500, which covers the period from January 1993 on. The receipt of this retroactive SSI check has no impact on the lump sum ineligibility period, since John was not actually an SSI recipient when the lump sum SSA check was received. John and his son remain ineligible for ADC for the full five months.

This information will be included in a future PASB update.

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