



OSS ADVISORY

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ECONOMIC STIMULUS ACT OF 2008

Chances are you've heard about the tax rebates on television. The OSS program WILL NOT count these payments against OSS recipients if they receive one. Their payments to your facility WILL NOT change.

Starting in May 2008, the US Treasury will begin sending economic stimulus checks to more than 130 million households. To receive a payment, a taxpayer must have a valid Social Security number; \$3,000 of income and file a 2007 federal tax return. **If you DO NOT file a tax return you will not get one of these checks.**

Eligible people will receive up to \$600 (\$1,200 for married couples), and parents will receive an additional \$300 for each eligible child younger than 17. Retirees, disabled veterans and other people who "DON'T" usually file a tax return must do so this year to receive a stimulus payment.

Please let recipients in your facility know that South Carolina Medicaid will not count these payments against anyone who receives Optional State Supplementation (OSS) payments for 3 months. We will not cut their OSS payment the month they get the check. Also we will not cut them off if their resources go over the \$2,000 limit for the next two months after they get the check. Those OSS recipients who go over the limit need to make sure that they get their accounts under the \$2,000 limit before the end of the third month.

**FAXED TURN-AROUND DOCUMENTS (TADs)
WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED**

Effective February 01, 2008, faxed TADs are **no longer accepted**. We can no longer accept faxed TADs due to problems concerning legibility and reduced type size. Please mail the original TAD (DO NOT cut or alter the original TAD in any way) and appropriate documentation to arrive by the 17th of each month to:

**Claims Receipt – CRCF
Claims Section
Post Office Box 67
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0067**

If you must overnight your TAD so it arrives by the 17th of each month, please send to:

**MCCS – NH/OSS AW-220
8901 Farrow Road
Columbia, SC 29203-9731**

If original TADs are not received timely, payment will not be made. The procedure below will need to be followed to receive payment.

NON-MEDICAL ABSENCES FROM THE FACILITY

Residents participating in the OSS Program MAY NOT be absent from the facility for non-medical reasons for more than 10 consecutive days nor more than 10 total days per calendar month unless approved by a physician for therapeutic leave. Physician approved therapeutic leave MAY NOT exceed 30 consecutive days. All physician approved leave must be submitted to the OSS Program Manager following the same procedures used for a 30 Day Bed Hold for an approved medical absence.

REMOVAL OF CLIENTS FOR ORIGINAL TADs NOT RECEIVED TIMELY

Original TADs are due by the 17th of each month. If the TAD is not received timely, all OSS clients will be removed from your TAD. This means the CRCF will not receive any payment for the month that the TAD was not returned. In order to receive payment, the CRCF will need to submit the TAD that was not returned as well as the new TAD the following month. The CRCF will also be required to add the clients to the new TAD – because it will be blank upon receipt as the clients have been removed.

Example for the upcoming month - (The CRCF does not submit TAD for February 2008 services by March 17, 2008 – the claims center will remove clients after an attempt has been made to contact the CRCF for the TAD – no payment will be made on April 04, 2008 – the new blank TAD for March 2008 services will be mailed to the CRCF on April 04, 2008 – the CRCF must mail in the TAD for February 2008 services that they neglected to send as well as the TAD for March 2008 services – the TAD for March 2008 services must include each client added {hand-written in} to the TAD for February 2008 and March 2008 services including number of days and income amounts as well as a copy of the admitting CRCF-01 for the client and any CRCF-01s changing income – the TADs for February 2008 and March 2008 would have to be received by the claims center no later than April 17, 2008 to be processed timely.

This will be an ongoing process for original TADs not received and for original TADs not received timely. There are many CRCFs that are habitually not sending the TADs in timely or they are not sending them in at all. **Remember** – TADs are only processed once a month. If you neglect to send your TAD in timely, we cannot process the information until the normal processing dates for the next month.