This memorandum is written to remind you of a provision contained in 88 ADM-50 regarding treatment of lump sum retroactive SSI and RSDI payments. As specified in 88 ADM-50, and in accordance with Section 9114 of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987, retroactive lump sum SSI and RSDI payments are excluded as resources for SSI-related Medical Assistance applicants/recipients. Payments received prior to October 1, 1987 were excluded as resources for six months. Payments received between October 1, 1987 and September 30, 1989 were excluded for nine months following the month of receipt. Since the period for the nine month exclusion has now expired, retroactive SSI and RSDI payments received on or after October 1, 1989 are to be treated as exempt resources for six months following the month of receipt for SSI-related individuals.

For SSI-related persons, retroactive lump sum RSDI payments are considered unearned income in the month received; retroactive lump sum SSI payments are not counted as income in the month received.

If you have any questions, please call your county representative.

______________________________
Jo-Ann A. Costantino
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance