

Murphy Announces \$250 Recovery Payments for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries Will Hit Mailboxes in May

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"When we wrote the recovery law, my top priority was helping those who need it the most in this terrible economy. This additional benefit could make a huge difference for someone being forced to choose between paying for groceries, life saving medication, or rent," said Murphy.

To receive the benefit, the individual must be eligible for Social Security or SSI during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009. No action on behalf of the recipient is required to get the payment, which will be sent separately from their regular monthly benefit.

The legislation also provides for a one-time payment to Veterans Affairs (VA) and Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) beneficiaries. The VA and RRB will be responsible for paying individuals under their programs. However, if someone receives Social Security and SSI, VA or RRB benefits, he or she will receive only one \$250 payment.

If you expect to receive this benefit and do not do so by June 4, please contact Hilda Santiago in Murphy's office, 860-223-8412.

"Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff if you have questions about your recovery law benefit, or anything else. We are here to help you with Social Security, Medicare, the Veterans Administration, and all other federal agencies," said Murphy.

To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, go to <http://www.recovery.gov/>

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