



Subject: Information Regarding Your One-Time Payment Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Good news! The economic recovery legislation, signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009, provides for a one-time payment of \$250 to eligible VA beneficiaries. VA will begin releasing one-time payments in June, and you do not need to apply to receive this payment. Here is more information about it:

- Your one-time payment will be \$250.
- VA will issue the payment separately and will *not* include it in your regular benefit payment.
- VA will send this payment to you in the same way that you receive your current VA benefit, either by direct deposit or mail.
- This payment will *not* affect the amount of your regular VA benefit, or any other Federal benefit, nor will the Internal Revenue Service consider it as taxable income.
- The law requires the Department of Treasury to offset these one-time payments to collect debts owed to State and Federal agencies. If your payment is offset due to a debt you owe, you'll receive a separate notice from the Department of Treasury.
- You are entitled to only one \$250 payment. If you received a payment from Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or the Railroad Retirement Board, you will not receive a separate payment from VA. If you receive a payment from more than one agency, please return the VA payment. Return a VA check to the Treasury at the address on the check envelope. Promptly contact your financial institution to electronically return a direct deposit payment.

If you do not receive your payment by July 10, 2009, please contact us by e-mail, letter, or telephone. Be sure to refer to your VA file number above.

If you	Here is what to do.
Use the Internet	Send electronic inquiries through the Internet at https://iris.va.gov/
Write	Put your full name and VA file number on the letter. Please send all correspondence to the address at the top of this letter.
Telephone	Call us at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the number is 1-800-829-4833.

For more information, please visit www.va.gov

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