



ACTION ALERT

REPORT CONSUMER INCOME CHANGES TO SECTION 8

As most of you know, the Legislature and Governor approved several reductions in the California's State Supplementary Payment (SSP) program to be implemented in 2009. The rate reductions for a single disabled person are as follows:

January 1, 2009: \$907
May 1, 2009: \$870
July 1, 2009: \$850
October 1, 2009: \$845

For a single person, this equates to a total income reduction of \$62 per month since January 2009. Individuals who are receiving Section 8 rental assistance have their share of rent calculated based on their income – as income drops, the share of rent should also drop.

In these tight economic times, every dollar can make a big difference to the consumers we work with. If you have not already, please ensure that your consumers who are receiving rental assistance are not paying any more than they need to in rent. Help them to contact their local housing authority and/or Community Interface Services' Rental Subsidy Voucher Program and request to update their income to reflect these and any future income reductions. It may take several months for the housing authority to implement the change and for any rent reduction to take effect, so it is important to report income reductions as soon as possible.