

Operations Communiqué #08-07 “IRS Information for the Economic Stimulus Payment”

Title: IRS Information for the Economic Stimulus Payment

Priority: Medium

Category: Action Required

Response Required: None

Purpose:

To provide the CCIS with information and IRS publications 4670 and 4668 regarding the 2007 federal “economic stimulus” payment, also known as a tax rebate, for distribution to CCIS parents and providers.

Background:

OCDEL has partnered with the IRS for many years to disseminate information about tax programs, credits and benefits available to low income families served by the CCIS.

Discussion:

The 2007 tax season presents a unique set of circumstances, as the Federal Government has implemented an economic stimulus plan that will automatically provide tax rebates to citizens who file an income tax return for 2007. The rebate is not taxable by the Federal government and will not reduce 2007 or 2008 tax refunds nor increase federal taxes owed in 2008.

Some low income families may not file a federal tax return because their income doesn't meet the filing threshold. This year it is imperative for families to file a tax return in order to receive the tax rebate. Returns should be filed by the regular April 15 deadline. All who are eligible and file by that date will receive a rebate check from the IRS beginning in early May. Filing after April 15, with or without a tax filing extension, will delay payment and, by law, no payments will be issued after December 31, 2008. Therefore, those who qualify for a tax rebate can insure they receive it by filing their return by no later than October 15, 2008.

Attached to this communiqué are:

- IRS Form 2333X – CCIS Order Form
- IRS Form 4668 – Low Income Flyer
- IRS Form 4670 – General Flyer

The Low Income and General Flyers can be ordered using the IRS Form 2333X. The CCIS should make supplies of the flyers available to parents and providers to insure that all eligible families file a return and receive the tax rebate.

For more information on the tax rebate, visit www.irs.gov.

Next Steps:

1. Review the attached publications with all staff.
2. Use the attached order form to obtain these publications directly from the IRS.
3. Distribute the publication to CCIS clients and providers, by including it in any scheduled mailings, meetings, appointments or business transactions.
4. Prepare a label or insert for publications shared with providers with a message as follows: PLEASE SHARE THIS IMPORTANT TAX REBATE INFORMATION WITH PARENTS.
5. Make the publications available in all waiting areas.
6. Contact your Subsidy Coordinator with any questions.