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To: Assessors and Municipal Agents

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Subject: QUALIFYING INCOME–PROGRAM YEAR 2010

The following tables show the levels of qualifying income for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program applications to be filed in the year 2011. These levels are to be used for the 2010 Grand List Homeowner and Renter applications, 2011 Grand List Additional Veteran's applications and may be used for any local option programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Homeowner applications that were taken for the 2009 G/L (RENEWALS) are calculated for the 2010 G/L using the 2009 qualifying income schedule, NOT the schedule below.

Homeowners
Income and Grant Information –2010 Benefit Year
Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2011

Income		Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
Over	To	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried
$-0-	$16,100	50%	40%	$1,250	$1,000	$400	$350
16,100	21,700	40	30	1,000	750	350	250
21,700	27,100	30	20	750	500	250	150
27,100	32,300	20	10	500	250	150	150
32,300	39,500	10	-0-	250	-0-	150	-0-

Renters
Income and Grant Information – 2010 Benefit Year
Filing period May 15 - September 15, 2011

Income		Maximum Credit		Minimum Credit	
Over	To	Married/Single		Married/Single	
$-0-	$ 16,100	$900	$700	$400	$300
16,100	21,700	700	500	300	200
21,700	27,100	500	250	200	100
27,100	32,300	250	150	100	50
32,300	39,500	150	-0-	50	-0-
		(Over)			

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For the 2010 benefit year there are two different Medicare premium rates. In 2010, Social Security benefits did not include a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which means Social Security benefit checks didn't increase. However, the Social Security Act protects most people from having a decrease in their Social Security benefits from one year to the next because of an increase in the Part B premium. This means that most people who have the Part B premium deducted from their Social Security benefit check were protected and would have paid $96.40 each month.

In 2010, people who started Part B beginning January 1, 2010, or later (new enrollees) weren't protected and paid the new standard payment of $110.50 for their Part B premium.

Annual Medicare premiums for the year 2010 therefore, are $1,156.80 for a single applicant and $2,313.60 for married applicants paying the $96.40 monthly premium and. $1,326.00 for a single applicant and $2,652.00 for married applicants paying the $110.50 monthly premium. WE CONTINUE TO REQUIRE A FORM SSA1099, OR IT'S EQUIVALENT FOR EACH HOMEOWNER AND RENTER APPLICANT TO BE PROVIDED AT THE INTAKE SITE.

The Additional Veterans' exemption for income qualifying applicants for the 2011 G/L will be based on the following income maximums: The maximum for single applicants will be $32,300.00; the maximum for married applicants will be $39,500.00. Also, if applicable in your municipality, the LOCAL OPTION exemption for the Totally Disabled, Blind and Veterans' programs may use these income maximums.

100% V. A. determined Disabled Veterans will continue to use $18,000.00 for single applicants and $21,000.00 for married applicants (adjusted gross income only; Social Security Income is not considered).

The FREEZE program income limit remains at $6,000.00; adjusted gross income only. Social Security Income, United States Postal System and Railroad Retirement pensions are not counted as income towards the income limit for the FREEZE program.

If there are any questions regarding any of the income limits stated above, please call me at (860) 418-6382 or e-mail at frank.intino@ct.gov

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