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To: Assessors and Municipal Agents

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Subject: QUALIFYING INCOME–PROGRAM YEAR 2016

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 2017. These levels are to be used for the 2016 Grand List Homeowner and Renter Rebate applications, 2017 Grand List Additional Veteran's applications and may be used for any local option programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Homeowner applications that were taken for the 2015 G/L (RENEWALS) are calculated for the 2016 G/L using the 2015 qualifying income schedule, NOT the schedule below.

**Homeowners**
**Income and Grant Information –2016 Benefit Year**
**Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2017**

| Income | | Tax Credit % | | Tax Credit Maximum | | Tax Credit Minimum | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Over | To | Married | Unmarried | Married | Unmarried | Married | Unmarried |
| $-0- | $17,600 | 50% | 40% | $1,250 | $1,000 | $400 | $350 |
| 17,600 | 23,600 | 40 | 30 | 1,000 | 750 | 350 | 250 |
| 23,600 | 29,500 | 30 | 20 | 750 | 500 | 250 | 150 |
| 29,500 | 35,200 | 20 | 10 | 500 | 250 | 150 | 150 |
| 35,200 | 42,900 | 10 | -0- | 250 | -0- | 150 | -0- |

**Renters**
**Income and Grant Information – 2016 Benefit Year**
**Filing period April 1 – October 1, 2017**

| Income | | Maximum Credit | | Minimum Credit | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Over | To | Married/Single | | Married/Single | |
| $-0- | $ 17,600 | $900 | $700 | $400 | $300 |
| 17,600 | 23,600 | 700 | 500 | 300 | 200 |
| 23,600 | 29,500 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 |
| 29,500 | 35,200 | 250 | 150 | 100 | 50 |
| 35,200 | 42,900 | 150 | -0- | 50 | -0- |

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For the 2016 benefit year there are two different Medicare premium rates. In 2016 Social Security benefits did not include a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which means Social Security benefit checks did not 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 most people who have the Part B premium deducted from their Social Security benefit check were protected and would have paid $104.90 each month.

People who started Part B beginning January 1, 2016 or later (new enrollees) were not protected and paid the new standard premium of $121.80.

Annual Medicare premiums for the year 2016 therefore, were $1,258.80 for a single applicant and $2,517.60 for married applicants paying the $104.90 monthly premium or $1,461.60 for a single applicant and $2,923.20 for married applicants paying the $121.80 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 2017 G/L will be based on the following income maximums: The maximum for single applicants will be $35,200.00; the maximum for married applicants will be $42,900.00. 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) 418-6406 or e-mail at patrick.j.sullivan@ct.gov

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