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Senior Citizen Property Tax Rebate Program Update

Earlier this year, Governor Whitman enacted a law to provide property tax rebates to certain senior citizens. Based on an income qualification, eligible seniors will receive a property tax rebate for increases in property taxes over their 1997 "base" year taxes.

While tax collectors do not have a direct role in the administration of the program, they may be asked to supply seniors a certification that property taxes were paid and answer questions concerning the program. The Division of Taxation has prepared information specifically for tax collectors to assist them in helping their taxpayers.

This information is included with the Notice. The information also includes copies of the forms and the application package that is being mailed to those seniors identified by the Division of Taxation as being eligible for the program. Phone numbers for additional information are also included with the material.

In addition, the Division of Local Government Services and the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association are working with the Division of Taxation to agree upon a single, standard computer report that can be used in lieu of the worksheet in the packet. As soon as a format is agreed upon, it will be made available to the various tax collection data processing vendors who may make it available as a standard report on their packages. Until that time, the worksheet in the packet must be used.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please contact the Division of Taxation if you have any questions on the matter.

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