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Section 205(q)(3) of the Social Security Act provides that in certain cases a claimant may receive preliminary payment if he/she has submitted the minimum evidence on his/her claim even though additional evidence may be required before a final determination can be made.

It has been determined that you meet the minimum evidence requirement for preliminary payment. Therefore, we will send a special payment to you within a few days in the amount of \$ _____. This payment is based on a monthly benefit of \$ _____. Although you should submit the evidence needed for a final determination as soon as possible, if you are unable to do so and the next monthly check is due, you will receive a check for \$ _____.

Preliminary payments will cease after three checks have been issued to you if we have not received the evidence required for a final determination. Also, if we determine at a later date you are not entitled to social security benefits, you must refund these payments.

Since a special procedure is being invoked to expedite payments to you while regular work on your claim is being processed, it is possible you may receive another payment covering all or some of the months your preliminary payments cover. We will try to prevent this, but if you do get a duplicate payment, please return it to any social security office as soon as possible. Otherwise, we may have to withhold some of your future benefits if it is determined you are entitled to social security benefits.

If you are not sure whether a future payment duplicates part or all of the benefits you have received or if you have any questions about your payments, the people in any social security office can help you. Most questions can be handled by telephone or mail. If you visit an office, however, please take this notice with you.

When all the requested evidence has been received, and if your entitlement to social security benefits has been approved, you will receive a notice reflecting the status of your payments and the benefit amount you will receive thereafter.

Sincerely yours,

Manager

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