

CORONAVIRUS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS: WHO GETS IT, HOW, & IMPACT ON OTHER BENEFITS

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has caused people to lose their income in different ways such as salary reduction, being laid-off or furloughed, or being made to take temporary unpaid leave from work. To help the American people during this difficult time the U.S. Congress recently passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) stimulus bill. One part of the bill provides a \$1,200 direct payment (i.e., Economic Impact Payment, stimulus payment, stimulus check, etc.) to many Americans and \$500 for each dependent child. But how can someone receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or other disability receive their stimulus payment? Also how does this money impact someone receiving SSI or other benefits. Here is some information that may help answer these questions.



The stimulus payments are coming from the U.S. Treasury Department, not the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

SSI RECIPIENTS THAT...

**Do not have
qualifying children**



Do not need to take any action in order to receive their \$1,200 economic impact payment.

**Have qualifying
children under age 17**



Should go to the **IRS's Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info** page and provide the requested information.

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<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>



Parents that have a child under 17 on SSI need to file taxes or sign up for a stimulus payment here: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>.



If an adult disabled child was claimed on their parent(s) 2019 taxes as a dependent, they won't be eligible this year. If they are no longer a dependent now, at the end of 2020, they can file their own taxes and get their check at that time.



The SSA does not consider stimulus payments as income for SSI recipients, and the payments are excluded from resources for 12 months.

SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT, SURVIVORS, OR DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES (SSDI)...

- That do not have qualifying children, do not need to take any action with the IRS. They will receive the \$1,200 payment if they received an SSA-1099 for 2019.
- Who did **not** file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 **and** who have qualifying children under age 17 can go to the IRS's webpage (<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>) to enter their information so they do not have to wait to get the \$500 per child paid to them by filing a tax return for tax year 2020.*

*Please note that this information must be entered by noon EDT on Wednesday April 22, 2020 or the child payment will be paid when they file a tax return for the 2020 tax year.



New beneficiaries since January 1, 2020, of either Social Security or SSI benefits, who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019, will also need to go to the IRS's Non-Filers (<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>) website to enter their information.



College students or young adults that are claimed as a dependent on their parents' tax return, do not qualify for a stimulus payment.

STIMULUS PAYMENTS WILL NOT AFFECT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS:

- Food Assistance Program benefits or eligibility under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Also, anyone eligible for SNAP benefits will automatically be raised to the maximum amount for the category they are in.
- Cash assistance under the Family Independence Program or Refugee Cash Assistance program.
- Healthcare coverage, including Medicaid.
- State Emergency Relief.
- Child Development and Care (childcare reimbursement).
- Women, Infant and Children (WIC).
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Vouchers or Section 8.



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Be aware. The IRS is not going to call you about stimulus payments. If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be the IRS, or an email telling you to call the IRS, it's a scam!

ONLINE RESOURCES

- **How to Get On, The Disabled Person's Guide to Stimulus Checks:**
<https://howtogeton.wordpress.com/will-disabled-people-get-stimulus-checks/>
- **IRS Economic Impact Payment Information Center:**
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center>
- **IRS's Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments:**
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>
- **IRS Non-Filers:**
<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>
- **Social Security & Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19):**
<https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/>
- **SSA Commissioner's blog:**
<https://blog.ssa.gov/commissioner-of-social-security-shares-update-about-covid-19-economic-impact-payments-for-beneficiaries/>
- **Work Without Limits COVID-19 Stimulus Payments and Public Benefits:**
<https://workwithoutlimits.org/blog/covid-19-ssi-ssdi/>

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