



COVID-19 and Benefits Fact Sheet:

Due to the variety of questions regarding benefits and Covid-19 we have put together this fact sheet which hopefully will help answer your questions.

Supplemental Security Income: (SSI)

Individuals who currently receive SSI benefits need to understand key facts about the Stimulus payment:

1. The stimulus payment is **NOT** taxable.
2. Stimulus payments received by individuals will **NOT** count as earned income and therefore will not affect your monthly SSI benefit check.
3. Stimulus checks will **NOT** count as a resource for 12 months. The first day of month 13, it will counted as part of the \$2000.00 resource limit. So, if you have reached your resource of \$2000.00 you have one year to spend the \$1200.00 dollars. On month 13 if you are above the \$2000.00 resource limit it will then affect your benefits.

I am not typically required to file a tax return; will I still receive a stimulus check?

YES! Stimulus payment will be paid directly to the SSI recipient.

- a. If your SSI check is deposited directly into your bank account (direct deposit), your stimulus check will go directly into that account.
- b. If you do not receive your SSI benefits through direct deposit and receive your benefits through a paper check, will receive the stimulus through the mail.
- c. We currently have **NO** information concerning those who received benefits via **EBT** cards.
- d. Those individuals who do have dependents, or do not receive payments via direct deposit or paper check, or do not file regularly file taxes, should use the IRS non-filer link located below to let the IRS know of your dependents so that you receive the appropriate amount of the stimulus check.
 - a. <http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

Who qualifies as a dependent?

Not all dependents may necessarily qualify. To qualify the dependent must meet the following requirements:

- a. An individual who you have claimed on your tax return or \$0 non-filer form.

- b. The individual must be under the age of 17 and attending school.
- c. The individual must be a blood relative, relative through marriage or adoption.
- d. The individual can not provide more than half of their own financial support during one full year.
- e. The individual must be a United States Citizen, U.S. National or U.S. resident alien.
- f. The individual must have lived with you for more than 6 months of a ye

IMPORTANT!!!! At any time when the CARES ACT refers to Social Security Benefits, SSI is NOT included unless specifically stated.

Social Security Disability (SSDI), Disabled Widow(er) Benefits (DWB), Childhood Disability Benefits (CDB)

The stimulus payment will have NO impact on any of the following Title II Benefits:

- a. SSDI
- b. DWB
- c. CDB
- d. SSA Retirement Benefits

These benefits are classified as, insurance benefits and therefore they are not impacted by unearned income.

Will I have to count the stimulus check as income on my taxes?

NO!

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs: The stimulus payment will NOT impact SNAP benefits.

Housing and Urban Development: HUD

- a. The stimulus check will not impact rent subsidies. H
- b. HUD does NOT consider the stimulus check as a resource

Medicaid: Individuals who received benefits before the COVID-19 crisis or become eligible during the crisis will **NOT** be terminated from Medicaid.

Medicare: The stimulus payment will not impact your Medicare premiums or eligibility.

- a. **Medicare Savings Plans:** the programs which Medicaid pays all or part of Medicare premiums for Part B and D and in certain situations co-payments and deductibles will **NOT** be impacted by the stimulus payments.

Veterans Affairs (VA) Pensions: The stimulus payment will have **NO** impact on VA Pension eligibility or resource levels for a **12-month period** from the time the funds are received.

If you have further questions, please contact us at:

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