

## Dear Colleague:

This email contains helpful information on the new Economic Impact payments that will be available for persons who receive Social Security, SSI or SSDI benefits. This information was disseminated by the Social Security Administration, with the information provided by the IRS. It is anticipated that the IRS will start sending these payments to most Americans in April. For additional information on the Economic Impact payments please go to <a href="https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus">www.irs.gov/coronavirus</a>.

## **Economic Impact Payments for Social Security Recipients:**

- At this time, although **SSI** (only) beneficiaries are eligible to receive the Economic Impact payment, the IRS has not determined whether they will need to file some sort of document in order to receive the payment. As soon as the process for SSI beneficiaries has been decided, we will provide that information. Please note that anyone who receives SSI and is a dependent on someone else's tax return will not be eligible for this payment.
- Individuals who receive Social Security or SSDI as well as those who receive both SSDI and SSI are eligible to receive the Economic Impact payment automatically, without filing any additional paperwork.
- Eligible retirees and recipients of Social Security, Railroad Retirement, disability or veterans' benefits as well as taxpayers who do not make enough money to normally have to file a tax return will receive a payment. This also includes those who have no income, as well as those whose income comes entirely from certain benefit programs, such as Supplemental Security Income benefits.
- Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file to receive an economic impact payment. It's automatic. More information from the IRS is available at www.irs.gov/coronavirus #COVIDreliefIRS
- Social Security recipients will automatically receive economic impact payments without the need to file taxes for 2018 or 2019. More details from the IRS at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus">www.irs.gov/coronavirus</a> #COVIDreliefIRS
- Social Security recipients will automatically receive the economic impact payment the same way they normally receive their Social Security benefits. See details from the IRS at: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus">www.irs.gov/coronavirus</a> #COVIDreliefIRS.
- The IRS website also has the following information on persons who are not eligible for the Economic Impact payments: Persons are not eligible for the Economic Impact payment if they can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return. For example, this would include a child, student or an adult dependent who can be claimed on a parent's return.

This is one of many emails that The Arc of New Jersey is distributing in an effort to help individuals with I/DD, their families, and staff to be safe and healthy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. To see other emails that The Arc of New Jersey has distributed on this topic, please go to <a href="https://www.arcnj.org/information/covid-19-updates-information.html">https://www.arcnj.org/information/covid-19-updates-information.html</a>

Thank you. Bev

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