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New Hampshire Legal Assistance guide for CARES Act Economic Impact Stimulus/Rebate Payments:

The payments will be \$1,200 for individuals and \$2,400 for married couples who filed their taxes jointly. There is a \$500 supplemental payment per child under 17 years old.

- People whose adjusted gross income was less than \$75,000 for a single individual or \$150,000 for married filing jointly are eligible for the full payment. Individuals and families with greater incomes may receive a reduced payment or no payment.

You must have a Social Security Number to receive the payments.

- People who are undocumented, lack Social Security numbers, or file with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) are not eligible.

Most people will need to file a tax return or fill out a new form to receive the credit.

- The payments will be based on your 2019 or 2018 tax returns and will be issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), like a tax refund.
- People who receive Social Security Title II retirement, survivors' and disability insurance (SSDI) benefits will not need to file tax returns but should receive the payment automatically. However, if they have dependents, they can use the IRS's new portal online to request a payment for a dependent.
- People who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans (VA) Disability Compensation or Veterans Pension benefits will need to fill out a new form to receive the credit. The form can be accessed on the IRS's new online portal (see more info below).
- Other non-tax filers can also use the online portal to request payments. Examples include individuals and families receiving certain cash assistance benefits and households under the normal income limits for

filing a tax return. This may include single filers who made under \$12,200 and married couples making less than \$24,400 in 2019.

- To use the online portal, first visit www.Irs.gov and look for "Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here." Using the tool to get your payment will not result in any taxes being owed.
- The IRS has extended the tax filing deadline for 2019 to July 15, 2020, but you should file your taxes sooner if you have a filing requirement to get your payment as soon as possible. Free tax return preparation for low- and moderate-income people is available at www.myfreetaxes.com or www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free.
- You can request the payment through December 31, 2020. If you don't file before the end of the year, you can receive the payment when you file your taxes in 2021.

The payments will be automatically paid by direct deposit if you provided an account on your tax return. Otherwise, the IRS will mail checks.

- The IRS website will soon include the ability for people who have already filed their 2019 taxes to add their direct deposit information if needed.
- For those who do not have a bank or prepaid account, JoinBankOn.org has a list of low-fee, safe, checkless checking accounts that can be opened online and are open to people with blemished bank account histories.

The payments will not be counted toward eligibility for means-tested programs and will be disregarded as an asset for 12 months.

- This means the payments won't jeopardize your participation in programs including Medicaid, SNAP/Food Stamps, and public housing.

The payment cannot be intercepted for past-due taxes, student loans or Unemployment Insurance overpayments, but it can be intercepted for child support that is owed.

Questions? Call NH Legal Assistance at 800-921-1115 or (603) 223-9750.

Mental Health link for the day: Kids Health Relax and Unwind Center, <https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/center/relax-center.html>

Find tips including simple yoga, talking about your feelings, five steps for fighting stress, and more, all aimed at kids (but probably good for any age.)

Questions about COVID-19? Call the NH Hotline at 2-1-1.