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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments of outreach efforts being undertaken by the California Department of Social Services for helping clients obtain the Economic Impact Payment, authorized by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020.



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ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS (ACWDL)

FROM: JENNIFER HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT
DIVISION

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS CLIENT OUTREACH
NOTIFICATION

REFERENCE: [CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY \(CARES\) ACT OF 2020](#); [ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER \(ACWDL\), RELEASED APRIL 15, 2020](#); [ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER \(ACWDL\), RELEASED JUNE 26, 2020](#)

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to provide information to the County Welfare Departments (CWDs) about outreach efforts underway to inform county clients of the tools and resources to help receive their Economic Impact Payment, sometimes called the “stimulus payment.” No specific action is required by the county. Counties may opt to use the social media graphics and banners available on the [CDSS Economic Impact Payment \(EIP\) Information and Resources Hub](#) to promote the availability of the EIP to their clients.

Background

In response to COVID-19 and to assist Americans meet their basic needs, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, which authorized direct payments to eligible individuals. [All County Welfare Directors Letter, released April 15, 2020](#), describes how rebates received under the CARES Act are treated within CalFresh, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Refugee Cash Assistance, and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program.

This letter is in continuation of the efforts outlined in [All County Welfare Directors Letter \(ACWDL\), released June 26, 2020](#).

Current Efforts from the California Department of Social Services

Since April 2020, CDSS has been working with many federal, state, and local partners to establish a broad outreach effort focused on educating all Californians on what to do if they have not received their EIP or know someone who has not. This has been accomplished through social media posts and sharing EIP promotional resources, available on the [CDSS EIP website](#).

CDSS is now aiming its efforts to collaborate with Code for America, a non-partisan, non-political 501 organization founded in 2009 to address the widening gap between the public and private sectors in their effective use of technology and design. Their previous work with CDSS on the California Earned Income Tax Credit and Young Child Tax Credit assistance through the website [GetYourRefund.org](#) has helped frame additional efforts that are geared toward the EIP benefits.

On the GetYourRefund.org website, Code for America, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) group, offers free tax assistance for those who are looking to; file taxes themselves, file taxes with help, get their stimulus payment, and ask questions regarding tax filing.

Code for America has utilized this webpage and additional social media posts and tools on Facebook and Instagram platforms to advertise and guide Californians to receive assistance with their tax filing, regardless of their income and tax filing status. For example, if a client were to make over the income tax threshold, they would get assistance with filing their regular income taxes. For those under that threshold, the [Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\) Non-Filer Tool](#) is available to fill out for low, to no-income households.

As of the time of this letter, **the [IRS Non-Filer Tool](#) is only available to individuals until October 15, 2020**. After October 15, individuals must file their income taxes in order to receive the economic impact payment.

If you have questions or need additional guidance regarding the information in this letter, contact the CalWORKs Engagement Bureau at (916) 654-2137.

If you or an individual you are serving need assistance filing federal or state income taxes or filling out the [IRS Non-Filer Tool](#), visit [GetYourRefund.org](#), or contact 2-1-1 who, in most cases, can connect you with local tax prep resources in your area.