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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 information and resources for clients seeking to obtain their Economic Impact Payment, authorized by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 and to announce the launch of the Economic Impact Payment Information and Resources Hub on the California Department of Social Services website.



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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 INFORMATION AND  
RESOURCES HUB

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

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter is to provide information and resources for County Welfare Departments (CWDs) to help clients obtain their economic impact payments.

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.

**Economic Impact Payment Information and Resources Hub**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has launched an [Economic Impact Payment Information and Resources Hub](#) to support CWDs and community-based organizations supporting clients served by programs that CDSS oversees and other members of the public. Housed on this landing page is an option to choose information and resources for:

- [County Welfare Departments or Community-Based Organizations](#), or
- [Members of the Public](#)

Below are links to the following resources, also accessible through the [Economic Impact Payment Information and Resources Hub](#).

For members of the public:

- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau YouTube video: [How to use the IRS non-filer tool](#)
- Internal Revenue Service YouTube video: [Avoiding EIP scams](#)
- [IRS EIP Frequently Asked Questions](#), and
- [IRS EIP webpage](#)

For County Welfare Departments and Community-Based Organizations:

- [CWD/CBO Information Sheet](#)
- [Social Media Client Facing Flyer](#)
- [Email Signature Block](#)
- [IRS Partner Tool Kit](#)

## **Eligibility for Economic Impact Payments**

Eligibility requirements for United States citizens, permanent residents, and qualifying resident aliens seeking their economic impact payments, include:

- A valid Social Security number,
- An adjusted gross income under:
  - \$150,000 for married couples filing joint returns
  - \$112,500 for head of household filers and
  - \$75,000 for all other eligible individuals

For eligible individuals, economic impact payments are in the following amounts:

- \$1,200 per adult;
- \$2,400 per married couple filing federal income taxes jointly;
- \$500 for each eligible child under 17 years old during the 2019 calendar year.

For additional benefit and eligibility information, please refer to the [IRS Economic Impact Payment Information Center](#).

NOTE: Individuals seeking an economic impact payment cannot also be claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer.

## **How to Request an Economic Impact Payment**

Economic impact payments can be requested in two ways depending on gross income and influenced by family composition. The matrix below informs which of the two options are available (hyperlinks to submit for the economic impact payment are also included) by asking whether the person's household has either:

<b>A dependent who is/was under 17 years old in 2019?</b>	<b>A taxable income more than \$12,200 (single filer) or \$24,400 (married filing jointly) in 2019?</b>	<b>How to receive the economic impact payment?</b>
Yes	Yes	<a href="#">File 2019 income taxes</a> to receive economic impact payment. <sup>†</sup>
Yes	No	<a href="#">File 2019 income taxes</a> or complete the <a href="#">IRS Non-Filer Tool</a> to receive the economic impact payment. <sup>†</sup>
No	Yes	<a href="#">File 2019 income taxes</a> to receive the economic impact payment. <sup>†</sup>
No	No	<a href="#">IRS Non-Filer Tool</a> to receive the economic impact payment.

<sup>†</sup> Individuals filing federal and state returns with at least \$1 of earned income may also be eligible for the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs) and California's Young Child Tax Credit, resulting in a larger income tax return.

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](#), contact 2-1-1 who, in most cases, can connect you with local tax prep resources in your area.