



## COVID-19 ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS

*Please note that things are changing rapidly with regard to both State and National policy. Therefore, we ask that you please check back for ongoing updates as we work to provide you with the most current and up to date information as it relates to addressing the needs of survivors in Arizona.*

### **Federal Legislation**

The IRS announced on March 21, 2020 that the Federal Tax Filing Deadline has been extended to July 15, 2020.<sup>1</sup>

The CARES Act included Economic Impact Payments in the form of tax rebates, some of which have been received by taxpayers in Arizona as of this morning. Most eligible U.S. taxpayers will automatically receive their Economic Impact Payments via direct deposit or paper check, including:

- Individuals who filed a federal income tax for 2018 or 2019
- Individuals who receive Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits
- Individuals who receive Railroad Retirement benefits<sup>2</sup>

Announced this morning, there is a new IRS tool for non-filers who:

- Had gross income that did not exceed \$12,200 (\$24,400 for married couples) for 2019
- Were not otherwise required to file a federal income tax return for 2019, and didn't plan to

Non-filers can provide the necessary information to the IRS easily and quickly for no fee through the IRS website. The IRS will use the information entered to determine your eligibility and payment amount, and send you an Economic Impact Payment. After providing this information you won't need to take any additional action. Visit <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here> for more information.

### **So what might this mean for survivors?**

In discussion with our national partners, it been challenging to find information on how to address deposits that went to an account that may no longer be accessible to one of the tax-payers (i.e. the account is still active but in only the abuser's name). We will continue to monitor this and provide updates as they become available.

By visiting this link, you can track your payment: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment><sup>3</sup>

However, if the direct deposit went into an account that is no longer active or closed, then the payment will be reverted to a paper check. Additionally, if you have moved and are expecting a paper check to be mailed, the following information might be helpful:

According to the IRS website and under the law, the Treasury must send notice of the payment by mail to your last known address. The notice will include how the payment was made and the amount of the payment. The notice will also include a phone number for the appropriate point of contact at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) if you

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/payment-deadline-extended-to-july-15-2020>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kellyphillipserb/2020/04/15/new-irs-tool-lets-tax-filers-update-direct-deposit-info-to-get-stimulus-checks-more-quickly/#427b011c68da>

didn't receive the payment. You can help make sure that it goes to the right place by updating your address after a move. Usually, you'd do that on your tax return, but you can also submit [a federal Change of Address Form 8822](#) (downloads as a PDF). It generally takes four to six weeks to process a change of address.

Folks who have questions and concerns have been invited to reach out to the [Center for Survivor Agency and Justice](#), and more information and resources are available on the IRS.gov website at <https://www.irs.gov/>

**Additional Information:**

While our staff are primarily working remotely from the safety of their homes, we have measures in place to maintain full confidentiality and are continuing operations and support to survivors and the community.

For additional resources and information, please visit our COVID-19 specific page: [www.acesdv.org/covid-19](http://www.acesdv.org/covid-19)