# Baker McKenzie.

# **Economic Impact Payments**

**Homeless Youth Access Guide** 

## \$1200 per Adult

Or Independent Youth 16 or older

## \$500 per Child

**Dependent Child Under 17** 

# Simplified Filing

**Available for Non-Filers** 

### **Must have SSN**



### Who Qualifies?

- Legal residents of the United States (U.S. citizens or resident aliens) with an SSN
- 2. 16 or older
- 3. Not dependents AND
- Make \$75,000 or less per year (or \$150,000 or less as a couple, if married).



#### **Non-Filers Portal**

People with gross income under \$12,200 (\$24,400 for a married couple) can provide their information to the IRS <u>without filing a return</u>, at: https://bit.ly/RegisterIRS

**ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS:** Cash payments of up to \$1200 per *qualified adult* and \$500 per *qualified child*.

**Qualified "Adult"**: People who (i) are legal residents of the United States (U.S. citizens or resident aliens) with a Social Security Number ("SSN"); (ii) are 16 or older; (iii) are not dependents; and (iv) make \$75,000 or less per year (or if married, as a couple make \$150,000 or less per year).

**Qualified Child**: A child who (i) is a legal resident of the United States with an SSN; (ii) is a dependent (as defined below, under "Key Information"); and was under 17 as of December 31, 2019.

#### **KEY INFORMATION**

- Based off of an individual's 2018 or 2019 U.S. federal income tax return.
  - Individuals who filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return will receive the cash automatically, either by direct deposit or by a check mailed to the address provided on the last U.S. federal income tax return.
  - Free software to file 2019 taxes is available: https://bit.ly/FreeFileTax
- Non-filers earning less than \$12,200 (\$24,000 for married couples) can <u>provide simplified information</u>.
  - Name, address, email address, date of birth, and Social Security Number are required for each qualifying adult.
  - Register online at: <a href="https://bit.ly/RegisterIRS">https://bit.ly/RegisterIRS</a>
  - Tax return information is <u>confidential</u>. Even law enforcement can only gain access to the information with a court order.
- Avoid scams. The IRS will <u>never</u> call and request taxpayer information.

#### Resources

- Information on Obtaining a SSN
- IRS Free File
- Economic Impact Payment Information

#### **IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- Dependents are <u>not</u> eligible to receive \$1200 payments.
  - A person who meets all 3 criteria is a dependent.
  - under the age of 19 at the end of 2019;
  - lived with a parent, foster parent, brother, sister, halfbrother, half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister (or a descendant of any of them) for more than half of 2019; and
  - > provided 50% or less of their own support for 2019.
- Parents fraudulently/erroneously claimed the youth as a dependent.
  - ➤ If a parent or other person has claimed the youth as a dependent on their return, this will create a "return rejected by IRS" error when the youth tries to e-file.
  - The youth can print and mail the return to IRS for processing.
  - Treasury has not yet provided guidance on how to address this issue.
- Direct deposit or address is out of date. Update by either filing a 2019 return with the new information (<a href="https://bit.ly/FreeFileTax">https://bit.ly/FreeFileTax</a>), or updating the information on the IRS website (<a href="https://bit.ly/RegisterIRS">https://bit.ly/RegisterIRS</a>)

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