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From: Marti Woolford <<u>MWoolford@slco.org</u>> Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:10 AM To: Marti Woolford <<u>MWoolford@slco.org</u>> Subject: Very Important Information Regarding Economic Impact Payment-Info Due TODAY Importance: High

Thank you to the State Office of Refugee Services for this information:

The IRS announced time-sensitive information for several groups of federal benefit recipients to receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payment. Anyone receiving federal benefits who did NOT file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and has dependents, needs to submit the dependent information by April 22 to add the \$500 per eligible child amount to these payments.

For those benefit recipients with children who aren't required to file a tax return, an extra step is needed to quickly add \$500 per eligible child onto their automatic payment of \$1,200.

For people in these groups who have a qualifying child and didn't file a 2018 or 2019 tax return, there is a limited window to register to have \$500 per eligible child added automatically to their soon-to-be-received \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment. A quick trip to a <u>special non-filer tool</u> on IRS.gov by **10 a.m., Wednesday, April 22**, for some of these groups may help put all of their eligible Economic Income Payment into a single payment.

To help spread the word to recipients with children about this special "Plus \$500 Push," the IRS has additional material available on a <u>special partners page</u> that can be shared with friends, family members and community groups. This effort will focus on the initial April 22 deadline and continue this spring to reach as many people as possible since the child payments will continue to be made in the weeks and months ahead.

Those receiving federal benefits – including Social Security retirement, survivor or disability benefits (SSDI), Railroad Retirement benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Veterans Administration benefits – who have with children **and** who weren't required file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 should visit the <u>Non-Filer: Enter Payment Info Here tool</u> on IRS.gov. By quickly taking steps to enter information on the IRS website about them and their qualifying children, they can receive the \$500 per dependent child payment automatically in addition to their \$1,200 individual payment. Otherwise, their payment at this time will be \$1,200 and, by law, the additional \$500 per eligible child amount would be paid in association with a return filing for tax year 2020.

SSI and VA beneficiaries have some additional time beyond April 22 to add their children since their \$1,200 automatic payments will be made at a later date. SSI recipients will receive their automatic payments in early May, and the VA payment schedule for beneficiaries who receive Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefit payments is still being determined. If they have children and aren't required to file a tax return, both groups are urged to use the <u>Non-Filer tool</u> as soon as possible. Once their \$1,200 payment has been issued, they will *not* be eligible to use the <u>Non-Filer tool</u> to add eligible children. Their payment will be \$1,200 and, by law, the additional \$500 per eligible child amount would be paid in association with a return filing for tax year 2020.

General IRS information about the Economic Impact Payments is available on a <u>special section of IRS.gov</u>.

## Avoid COVID-19 Stimulus Checks Scams

The IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams related to the Economic Impact Payments. There is no fee required to receive these payments. The IRS will never request your personal information by email, text messages or social media. Nor will the IRS, WHO, CDC or any reputable organizations ask for payment in "Gift Cards." Be careful giving out any personal and financial information. <u>More info</u>.

Best, Marti



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