

# Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

## Economic Impact Payments (EIP) for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries

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Program Impact: CA and NA

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that SSI and Social Security Beneficiaries with representative payees have started receiving the Economic Impact Payment (EIP) also referred to as Stimulus Payments.

The Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allows this payment to be issued to SSI and Social Security Beneficiaries.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) started issuing payments to eligible beneficiaries on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and will continue through December 31, 2020, until all people have received their one-time payment.

Beneficiaries will receive their payments by one of the following methods:

- Direct Deposit
- Mail
- Direct Express Debit Card

The EIP is being treated as a Federal Tax Refund for 2020.

Similar to tax refunds, this payment is not countable as income or a resource in the month of receipt and the 12 months after the month of receipt for NA and CA.

Key the TR Unearned Income Code in the INC TYPE field on UNIC in the month the income is received.

Key OX on the LIAS AZTECS screen for any money remaining in the following 12 month as a resource.

For more information regarding treating the tax refund as unearned income or a resource see, FAA4.B03S and FAA4.H03HHH in the Cash and Nutrition Assistance Policy (CNAP) Manual. Use participant statement as a verification.

Please contact the FAA Policy Support Team by phone at **(602) 774-5523** or by e-mail at **FAAPolicyMgmt@azdes.gov** with any questions or concerns regarding this broadcast.

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