



ElderCare Agency II, LTD

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Dear Metro ElderCare Client,

We have some important information for you and your loved ones with regard to how the Department of Social Services and Medicaid are treating the income from the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" (CARES Act) Stimulus Benefit.

What you need to know now.

Under the CARES Act, a single person with a reported income of less than \$75,000 is eligible to receive \$1,200. If you are a couple with a reported income of under \$150,000, you are eligible for \$2,400.

Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability recipients do not have to report the check (or direct deposit) received as monthly income.

The Social Security Administration and Department of Social Services (Medicaid) will NOT count these funds as income.

The applicant(s) has 12 months to spend the funds before it would be counted as an asset. Remember the total assets allowed in 2020 is \$15,750 for an individual (the couple allowance is \$23,100).

What to do with payments for deceased relatives.

The IRS started sending out stimulus payments in mid-April. Some people have received stimulus payments for loved ones who have died. The IRS recently announced that these payments must be returned to the agency.

If the payment was a paper check and it has not been cashed:

- write "void" in the endorsement section on the back of the check
- mail the voided Treasury check immediately to the appropriate IRS location for your state
- don't staple, bend or paper clip the check
- include a note stating the reason for returning the check

If the payment was a paper check and you have cashed it, or if the payment was a direct deposit:

- submit a personal check, money order, etc. immediately to the appropriate IRS location for your state
- write on the check/money order made payable to "U.S. Treasury" and write "2020EIP", and the taxpayer identification number (Social Security number, or individual taxpayer identification number) of the recipient of the check
- include a brief explanation of the reason for returning the EIP

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**The IRS Location for New York is:
Brookhaven Refund Inquiry Unit
000 Corporate Court, Mail Stop 547
Holtsville, NY 11742**

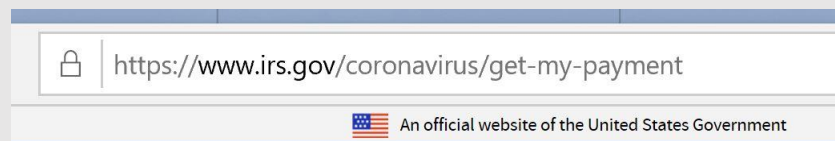
What you can do now.

If you have not received the stimulus check and want to check the status of your payment you can visit the IRS website link at:

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

Please be advised: During this challenging time, there has been an increase in the number of scammers, so please when visiting the website, make sure to check the URL to ensure that you are on the correct site.

The correct site should look like the URL below.



Again, when verifying that the site is secure, look to see that there is an "https://" and a secure "lock" symbol next to the URL address and that it is the official website of the United States Government.

If you have any questions, you can always reach my office at [516-797-0601](tel:516-797-0601).

As a reminder, there are sweeping changes to the Medicaid law that will impact home health care eligibility. If you missed this important article, you can read it [here](#). As always, you can contact me to initiate the application process at any time.

You all remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Regards,

Elaine, Sharon, Colleen, Maripat, Lisa
and all of us at **Metro ElderCare Agency**

Our thoughts & prayers remain with you and your loved ones. Please remember to check in on your neighbors and those who may live alone. We continue to thank and honor all essential service workers, especially medical personnel, who continue to sacrifice their own safety to help others.

The information you obtain in this communication is not, nor is it intended to be legal advice. We invite you to contact us and welcome your calls, letters or electronic mail. Contacting us does not constitute an engaged client relationship. If desired, a client relationship can be formally established with the offices of Metro ElderCare Agency II, Ltd. at the appropriate time.

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