

# COVID-19 RELIEF

Information for Senior Citizens

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## DIRECT PAYMENTS

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides direct payments to individuals and families. Many who are eligible will receive the payment via direct deposit. If the IRS does not have your bank account information, the IRS will issue guidance on how to receive a check. These payments will not be taxable nor represent “resources” for program eligibility purposes.

Filing Type	Adjusted Gross Income	Stimulus Payment
Single	Up to \$75,000	\$1,200
	\$75,001 to \$99,000	Reduced on a sliding scale, decreasing \$5 for every \$100 in income up to \$99,000
Head of Household	Up to \$112,500	\$1,200
	\$112,501 to \$136,500	Reduced on a sliding scale up to \$136,500
Joint	Up to \$150,000	\$2,400
	\$150,001 to \$198,000	Reduced on a sliding scale up to \$198,000
Dependent Child Under Age 17		\$500

## CONTACT US

We are here to help. Please contact our office with any additional questions.

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## ACCESS TO CARE

**TESTING:** The Families First Coronavirus Response Act provides testing for COVID-19 without cost-sharing, i.e., no co-pay, co-insurance, or payment towards a deductible for the test. This applies to seniors who have traditional Medicare, those on Medicare Advantage plans and seniors who are uninsured.

**VACCINE:** The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security(CARES) Act, ensures seniors in both traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans will be able to receive a vaccine for COVID-19 without cost-sharing once a vaccine is available.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:** During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the CARES Act allows seniors enrolled in Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage prescription drugs plans to receive fills and refills of their medication for an up to 90-day supply.

## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

**FOOD:** Emergency funding was approved to expand access to food. For food pantry and delivery information visit: [www.feedmorewny.org](http://www.feedmorewny.org)

**HEAP:** The CARES Act provided emergency funding for the Home Energy Assistance Program.  
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