



## COVID-19 Stimulus Money:

### What do I need to know as a resident of a long term care facility?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides a one-time direct payment of \$1,200 to individuals earning less than \$75,000 per year, including Social Security recipients

#### Just the facts...

- The IRS will generate \$1,200 economic impact payments to Social Security beneficiaries who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019.
- The Treasury will make automatic payments to Social Security beneficiaries.
- Beneficiaries will receive these payments by direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their Social Security benefits.
- Stimulus funds will not be counted as income by Medicaid or by State/County Special Assistance (SA).
- Stimulus check funds will not count as assets by Medicaid or by SA if spent within 12-months.
- **Stimulus Money belongs to the Resident, NOT the facility.**



## Resident's Rights in Long Term Care

Remember, you have rights as a resident in a long term care facility. Whether you live in an assisted living facility or a nursing home, you have a right to access and manage your finances.

If you have questions regarding your stimulus payment or any other concerns regarding your rights, please let your Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman know. You can find their information listed below.

Although the Ombudsman cannot visit you in the facility currently because of COVID-19, you still have the same right to access the assistance of the Ombudsman.

**For additional information regarding the stimulus, please visit**

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>



## How do I reach my Ombudsman?

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