

# Guidance for Survivors Regarding Stimulus Payments

DCADV reached out to Kim Pentico, Director of NNEDV's Economic Justice Program, to help answer some questions and below is what she shared with us.

## 1. How can a Survivor access their stimulus check when their abuser controls the bank account linked to tax filing?

While payments can be tracked at [IRS Get My Payment](#) most direct deposits went out by April 15<sup>th</sup> and the site where people can provide updated banking and account information isn't slated to be ready until April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. What if the Survivor has moved?

In general, it's been very difficult to find information on how to address deposits that went to an account that may no longer be accessible to one of the tax-payers (i.e. the account is still active but in only the abuser's name), but we will continue to monitor it.

However, if the direct deposit went to an account that is no longer active or closed, then the payment will be reverted to a paper check. In that case, the below will be helpful.

Under the law, the Treasury must send notice of the payment by mail to your last known address. The notice will include how the payment was made and the amount of the payment. The notice will also include a phone number for the appropriate point of contact at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) if you didn't receive the payment. You can help make sure that it goes to the right place by updating your address after a move. Usually, you'd do that on your tax return, but you can also submit a federal form 8822, Change of Address (downloads as a PDF). It generally takes four to six weeks to process a change of address.

## 3. Where can I find the latest and most up to date information regarding stimulus checks?

Visit the [IRS Coronavirus Website](#), including the section on [Economic Impact Payments](#), for the latest information.

### Articles with additional information

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kellyphillipserb/2020/04/15/new-irs-tool-lets-tax-filers-update-direct-deposit-info-to-get-stimulus-checks-more-quickly/#1daab6ee68da>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kellyphillipserb/2020/04/11/looking-to-update-your-bank-details-or-get-more-info-from-irs-about-your-stimulus-check/#51a78cbb6407>

<https://riponadvance.com/stories/ernst-seeks-irs-assurance-pandemic-relief-checks-make-it-to-domestic-violence-survivors/>

[FAQ on new stimulus payments](#) for people experiencing homelessness

[FAQ on new federal resources and policies](#) for homeless health care providers

Social Security beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who don't file tax returns will start receiving their automatic Economic Impact Payments directly from the Treasury Department soon. People receiving benefits who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes, and have qualifying children under age 17, however, should not wait for their automatic \$1,200 individual payment. They should immediately go to the IRS's webpage at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here) and visit the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here section to provide their information. Social Security retirement, survivors, and disability insurance beneficiaries with dependent children and who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes need to act by Wednesday, April 22, in order to receive additional payments for their eligible children quickly. SSI recipients need to take this action by later this month; a specific date will be available soon.