



# DOES MY STIMULUS CHECK AFFECT MY BENEFITS?

(\$1200 FOR INDIVIDUALS; \$500 FOR DEPENDENTS UNDER 17)

General Rule: it is not treated as income, and it is not treated as an asset for 12 months.



## SNAP (FOOD STAMPS)

- You will receive your normal amount of SNAP.
- Exception: after 12 months, if anything remains from the stimulus check, it will be treated as an asset.



## MEDICAID (FAMIS + COMMUNITY + LONG TERM CARE)

- Medicaid will not be affected. You will not have a spenddown or owe a long term care facility this money.
- Exception: after 12 months, if anything remains of the stimulus check, it will be treated as an asset for Medicaid programs that have an asset limit (such as Home and Community Based Services and Nursing Home Care).



## HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

- Your health insurance will not be affected.
- Will not affect your eligibility for financial assistance on the Marketplace
- No asset limits for ACA. Even if you keep the money for 12 months, it will not affect your health insurance.



## SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME + SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

- Will not affect SSI or SSDI payments
- Exception: anything remaining from stimulus check after 12 months will be treated as an SSI asset
- You will receive your check in the same way you receive monthly income.
- If you have a child under 17 and have not already claimed their benefit, you need to file 2020 taxes to receive the child benefit of \$500 (which will be treated the same).



## TANF

- You will receive your normal amount of TANF

REQUEST/TRACK STIMULUS PAYMENT:

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>





# DOES MY EXTRA \$600 WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT INCOME AFFECT MY BENEFITS?

(EXTRA INCOME APPLIES TO ALL UNEMPLOYMENT UNTIL JULY 31, 2020)

## SNAP (FOOD STAMPS)



- Counts as income when determining how much SNAP you receive
- If you receive unemployment, you may lose SNAP or benefits may decrease significantly.
- If your unemployment lowers/ends, reapply for SNAP or let your case worker know so your benefit amount can be increased.

## MEDICAID (FAMIS + COMMUNITY + LONG TERM CARE)



- Unemployment income counts as income.
- The extra \$600 weekly income does not count as income for Medicaid or for FAMIS
- If you lost your job or your income went down significantly you may be newly eligible for Medicaid.

## HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE



- Unemployment income and the \$600 weekly income count as income.
- If you receive more income than before, your premium tax credit could go down; less income and your tax credit may go up.
- Update your Marketplace income to ensure you get accurate financial assistance.
- If you lost job-based coverage, you may be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to buy Marketplace Insurance.

## SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME + SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY



- Your unemployment and extra \$600 weekly income will be counted as income and you may lose SSI.
- Your unemployment and extra \$600 weekly income do not affect your SSDI. But your SSDI may lower your regular unemployment benefits.

## TANF



- Unemployment income and the extra \$600 weekly income count as income for TANF.
- When receiving unemployment you may not be eligible for TANF if your income is too high.
- When your unemployment lowers or ends, you can reapply for TANF.

**APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT:**  
<https://www.vec.virginia.gov/>

