

BVA Calls for Economic Impact Payment Clarification for Disabled Veterans

The Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) recently joined dozens of lawmakers and advocates in requesting a policy clarification to simplify and ensure timely COVID-19 economic impact payments for disabled or low-income veterans and surviving family members who receive monthly compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs but who don't normally file tax returns or benefit from Social Security.

For more information, please read the article *"Disabled veterans could get left out of stimulus money, lawmakers warn"* on the Stars and Stripes website ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Good News for Social Security Recipients!

If you receive Social Security benefits, and do not file tax returns, you may be eligible to receive a government stimulus check (economic impact payment). The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not require Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) recipients to file a tax return to receive the economic impact payments.

"Social Security recipients who are not typically required to file a tax return need to take no action and will receive their payment directly to their bank account," Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin said in a statement. The agencies will use information from Social Security beneficiaries' 1099 documents – Form SSA-1099 or Form RRB-1099 – for those individuals who do not have 2018 or 2019 tax returns on record. "Recipients will receive these payments as a direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their benefits," the agencies said.

Eligible recipients will automatically receive an economic impact payment of up to \$1,200 for individuals – or \$2,400 for married couples – and up to \$500 for each qualifying child.

For more information, please visit the official IRS *"Economic Impact Payment"* website ([CLICK HERE](#)).

To read Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin's official statement ([CLICK HERE](#)).

BVA will send an additional update should there be any future clarifications. For questions or concerns, please contact BVA Director of Government Relations Donald Overton via email at doverton@bva.org or by calling (202) 355-9525.