

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program:

COVID 19 Information for Social Security Disability Beneficiaries

The Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA) team wants to keep beneficiaries as informed as possible during this time. Below you will find links to the most current information available. The following links are frequently updated so please check them regularly for changes. As always, please contact us with questions you may have at 800-692-7443 extension 309.

Social Security

Please do not contact [Social Security](#) with questions regarding the impact payments. The payments will be delivered by the Treasury Department- it is not a Social Security payment.

**Note for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients:*

“We are working closely with Treasury to address outstanding questions about our SSI recipients in an attempt to make the issuance of economic impact payments as quick and efficient as possible. We realize people are concerned, and the IRS will provide additional information on their [web page](#) when available. Please note that we will not consider economic impact payments as income for SSI recipients, and the payments are excluded from resources for 12 months.”

Keep in mind :

“**Unearned Income** is all income that is not earned such as Social Security benefits, pensions, State disability payments, unemployment benefits, interest income, dividends and cash from friends and relatives.” SSI payments will be adjusted based on the unemployment payment amount.

Note for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Recipients:

Unearned Income such as unemployment benefits are not counted.
Please see the link above for further information directly from Social Security.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Properties secured by FHA-insured Single Family mortgages are subject to a moratorium on foreclosure for a period of 60 days. The moratorium applies to the initiation of foreclosures and to the completion of foreclosures in process. Similarly, evictions of persons from properties secured by FHA-insured Single Family mortgages are also suspended for a period of 60 days. In addition, deadlines of the first legal action and reasonable diligence timelines are extended by 60 days.



Department of Agriculture

For information regarding SNAP/WIC benefits.

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/pennsylvania#snap>

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19/snap-waivers-flexibilities>

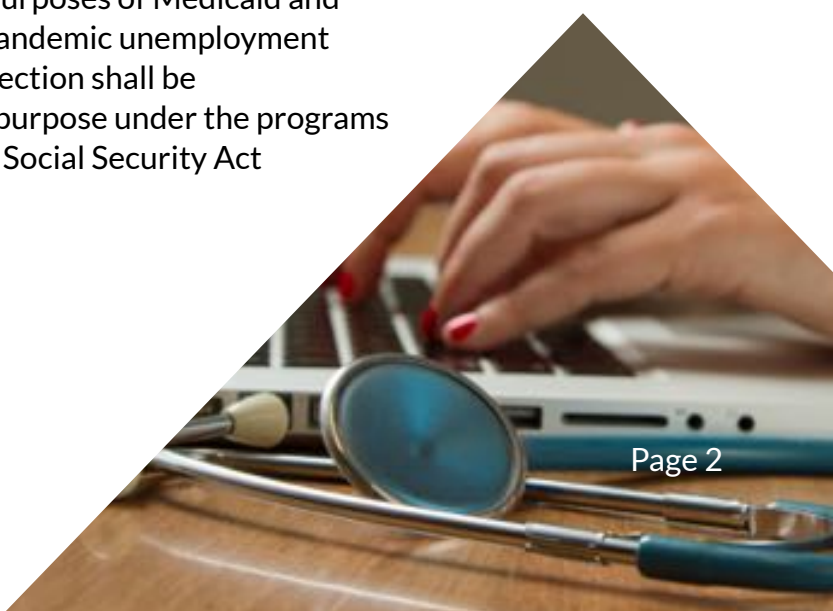
Medicare

Medicare covers the [lab tests](#) for COVID-19. You pay no out-of-pocket costs.

Medicare covers all [medically necessary hospitalizations](#). This includes if you're diagnosed with COVID-19 and might otherwise have been discharged from the hospital after an inpatient stay, but instead you need to stay in the hospital under quarantine.

Medicaid

(h) Disregard of Additional Compensation for Purposes of Medicaid and CHIP. The monthly equivalent of any Federal pandemic unemployment compensation paid to an individual under this section shall be disregarded when determining income for any purpose under the programs established under titles XIX and title XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., 1397aa et seq.).



Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

[Click for information about tax deadlines and impact payments.](#)

[Please do not call regarding the impact payments.](#) Check the website for further information.

United States Treasury Department

[The IRS](#) will use the information on the Form SSA-1099 and Form RRB-1099 to generate \$1,200 Economic Impact Payments to Social Security recipients who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019. Recipients will receive these payments as a direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their benefits.

Department of Labor/Career One Stop

[Click for questions about Unemployment Compensation and exploring work options.](#)

PA Office of Unemployment Compensation

The federal [CARES Act](#) will provide unemployment benefits to the self-employed, independent contractors, and gig workers. Please continue to check this page for filing instructions. At this time, you should NOT file a claim through the existing online system or phone number if you are not currently eligible for unemployment benefits.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

What You Should Know About the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and COVID-19

[Click for questions about your employment, employer obligations, possible discrimination related to the pandemic.](#)

USA.gov

[Click for general questions about the Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19](#)



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If you need more information or need help, please contact Disability Rights Pennsylvania (DRP) at [800-692-7443](tel:800-692-7443) (voice) or [877-375-7139](tel:877-375-7139) (TDD). Our email address is: intake@disabilityrightspa.org.

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PLEASE NOTE: For information in alternative formats or a language other than English, contact Disability Rights Pennsylvania at 800-692-7443, Ext. 400, TDD: 877-375-7139 or intake@disabilityrightspa.org. DRP's live intake line is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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