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**IRS Will Send Stimulus Payments Automatically
Starting in May; Eligible Taxpayers Must File a 2007
Tax Return to Receive Rebate**

The Internal Revenue Service advised that in most cases you will not have to do anything extra this year to get the economic “stimulus payments.” All you have to do is file your 2007 tax return and the Internal Revenue Service will do the rest. No other action, extra form or call is necessary.

In most cases, the “stimulus payment” will generally equal the amount of tax liability on the tax return, with a maximum amount of \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for taxpayers who file a joint return).

The Internal Revenue Service will use information on your 2007 tax return to determine eligibility and calculate the amount of the stimulus payments. They will begin sending the payments in early May. A payment schedule will be announced by the Internal Revenue Service in the near future.

“Stimulus payments” will be direct deposited if you have/had your 2007 tax return refund direct deposited. Taxpayers who have already filed with direct deposit won’t need to do anything else to receive the “stimulus payment.” All others will receive their “stimulus payment” by check. For taxpayers who haven’t filed their 2007 tax returns yet, the Internal Revenue Service advises that direct deposit is the fastest way to get both regular refunds and “stimulus payments.”

The law also allows for “stimulus payments” to some taxpayers who have no tax liability, such as low-income workers or those who receive Social Security benefits or veterans’ disability compensation, pension or survivors’ benefits received from the Department of Veterans in 2007. These taxpayers will be eligible to receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 on a joint return) if they had at least \$3,000 of qualifying income.

Qualifying income includes Social Security benefits, certain Railroad Retirement benefits, certain veterans’ benefits and earned income, such as income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. People receiving the above noted type benefits might not normally have to file a tax return because they do not meet the filing requirement. The Internal Revenue Service emphasizes, however, that you must file a 2007 tax return in order to receive a “stimulus payment”.

Eligible taxpayers who qualify for a “stimulus payment” will receive an additional \$300 for each child who qualifies for the child tax credit.

Payments to higher income taxpayers will be reduced by five percent of the amount of adjusted gross income above \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for those filing jointly.

If you can be claimed as a dependent on someone else’s tax return, file Form 1040-NR, 1040-PR or 1040-SS, you are not eligible for the “stimulus payment.”

More information on the “stimulus payment” can be obtained by going to the Internal Revenue Service website at www.irs.gov or clicking on the Internal Revenue Service link in our website.

REMINDER!!! Be Alert for scams about this program. If you receive one, contact the Internal Revenue Service at phishing@irs.gov.

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