

Stimulus Payments and Child Support

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For parents who pay child support:

Q If I owe child support arrears, will my stimulus payment be intercepted?

A It depends.

- » If the other parent on your case is owed any arrears, then your stimulus payment will be intercepted and applied to those arrears.
- » If the other parent is not owed any arrears, and if all the arrears on your case are owed to the State of Colorado (because the other parent received TANF), your stimulus payment will not be intercepted. If you are not sure about the status of these arrears, please call your legal technician and they can answer the question specific to your case.

Q I'm due a combined stimulus payment because of a current spouse or additional children. Will the entire stimulus payment be intercepted, or just my portion?

A The entire stimulus payment will be intercepted, however your current spouse may file an "injured spouse" claim ([Form 8739](#)) at that time with the Internal Revenue Service (much like with an income tax refund) to recover their portion or the children's portion of that payment. For additional filing instructions, please visit www.irs.gov.

For parents who are owed child support:

Q If I am the parent receiving child support, but I am currently receiving TANF benefits, will I receive any money from a stimulus rebate payment intercepted from the paying parent?

A If you are currently receiving TANF benefits, and all of your arrears have been assigned to the State of Colorado, the answer is no, you will not receive any money from a stimulus payment. If you were previously receiving TANF benefits but are currently not receiving them and have arrears owed to you, stimulus payments will be intercepted for your arrears.

Q If I am the parent receiving child support, and I've never received TANF or Medicaid for my child, will I receive any money from a stimulus rebate payment intercepted by the federal government from the noncustodial parent on my case?

A If the paying parent owes you child support arrears then you should be entitled to receive monies intercepted from the stimulus rebate payment. The amount of the money you may receive will depend on a number of factors, including the amount of the stimulus rebate payment intercepted, the amounts owed to you in your case, and the number of other child support cases in which the other parent owes child support arrears.



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