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Clinton, Miss. – Action Needed for Social Security Beneficiaries with Dependents and Who Do Not File Tax Returns to Receive \$500 Per Child Payment.

As economic stimulus payments begin to go out to Mississippi residents, many are questioning how they will receive their payment if they did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019. To help individuals who did not file in the past two years, the IRS has released a *Non-Filers* portal (<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>) so that individuals can give their information to the IRS in a quick and efficient way in order to receive their payment as soon as possible.

In addition, the IRS noted several important details for non-filing residents to be aware of, as listed below:

Any Social Security retirement, insurance, and disability insurance beneficiaries with dependent children under the age of 17 who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes need to act by Wednesday, April 22, in order to receive additional payments for their eligible children quickly.

Entering the required information to the IRS Website will allow for those who qualify to receive the \$500 per dependent child payment in addition to the \$1,200 individual payment. If this information is not provided to the website, the payment at this time will be the individual \$1,200, and individuals would be required to file a tax year 2020 tax return to obtain the additional \$500 per eligible child.

Individuals with Direct Express debit cards who enter information on the IRS's website should complete all of the mandatory questions, but can leave the bank account information section blank as Treasury already has their Direct Express information on file.

Lastly, any new beneficiaries since January 1, 2020 of either Social Security or SSI benefits who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 will also need to go to the IRS's *Non-Filers* page to enter their information, as they will not receive automatic payments from the Treasury.