



## Benefits and Entitlements Resources

1. NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) has stated that for current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP f/k/a Food Stamps) recipients, federally funded stimulus payments received under the CARES Act will be excluded as a non-recurring, lump sum payment and will be excluded from consideration as a resource for a period of 12 months following receipt of the payments. Below is a link in reference to this:

<http://otda.ny.gov/policy/gis/2020/20DC027.pdf>

2. Social Security will not consider economic impact payments as income for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and will exclude the payments from resources for 12 months. Below is a link explaining this:

<https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases/2020/#4-2020-1>

3. OPWDD Benefits and Entitlements and Personal Allowance Trainings. Please use the following link to register for these trainings. They will be conducted remotely via WebEx.

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/providers/statewide-learning-management-system-slms>

4. The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has established a section of the OPWDD website to provide guidance to caregivers, families, and State/Voluntary provider agencies which provide services or support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). In order to stay informed of guidance that has already been issued as well as any future guidance please visit the following links:

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance>

<https://health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

5. The Recovery Rebate under the 2020 CARES Act (also known as an economic incentive) will be automatically sent to anyone under income limits who filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019 or receives Social Security payments or veterans' benefits. This will cover many of the people receiving OPWDD services, but not all. As of the time of this memo, individuals receiving ONLY Supplemental Security Income (SSI) who did not previously file an income tax return will have to do so (<https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/>).