As individuals and families start receiving their COVID-19 stimulus payment from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Department shares the following guidance related to reporting this payment and the effect on Medicaid programs and services.

**MEDICAID**

**ARE ALL MEDICAID RECIPIENTS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY DHS WHEN THEY RECEIVE A STIMULUS PAYMENT?**
Yes. All, changes, including income, must be reported.

**HOW DOES THE STIMULUS PAYMENT AFFECT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS?**
The COVID-19 stimulus payments to individuals and families is not countable income for Medicaid applicants and recipients. Stimulus payments not spent in the month it is received are excluded as a resource for 12 months.

**IS THE STIMULUS PAYMENT TAXABLE INCOME AVAILABLE FOR CLIENT PARTICIPATION PURPOSES?**
The stimulus payment is not taxable income, but a fully refundable advance tax credit. Client participation is the amount of income that an individual must pay to the long-term care facility monthly for their care. The stimulus payment will not be counted as income subject to client participation.