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## *Your Child Support and The Federal Stimulus Payment: What you need to know*

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1. Federal law requires child support agencies to have procedures to collect past due child support from federal tax refunds. In the federal stimulus bill, the CARES Act, Congress did not exempt the stimulus rebate payments from federal offsets for child support arrears.
2. If you owe past due child support and the child support program has notified the federal government about your past due support, the child support program will intercept your federal stimulus payment up to the amount of your past due support.
3. If you owe past due child support and you have filed taxes jointly, your spouse needs to complete IRS form 8379 to claim injured spouse with the IRS. Please visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for additional filing instructions.
4. The child support program will likely hold the funds it intercepts for 30 days for a single filing and 180 days for a joint filing consistent with regular tax refunds it intercepts.

If you are not sure if your past due support has been reported to the Federal Government, please contact your county child support worker at 763-422-7200.