



The American Citizen Coronavirus Relief Act

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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided Economic Impact Payments (EIP) to U.S. citizens with Social Security Numbers (SSNs), which amount to \$1,200 that will be given to all individuals with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000, or \$2,400 for married couples who file a joint return with an income of up to \$150,000. The payment amounts increase by \$500 for every child. However, SSNs are required of both spouses for married couples to receive EIPs, which has resulted in many Americans becoming ineligible for assistance because of who they married.

A U.S. citizen should not be denied federal coronavirus assistance because they married a foreign national that is not presently a citizen of the United States. *The American Citizen Coronavirus Relief Act* maintains the SSN requirement but would allow U.S. citizens to receive EIPs the same as they would as a single tax filer.

The American Citizen Coronavirus Relief Act:

- Amends the CARES Act to no longer require a SSN for spouses filing taxes jointly, but continues to require a SSN for EIP eligibility. This would allow a U.S. citizen to receive the same EIP as a single tax filer.
- This bill does not include Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) for eligibility to ensure that taxpayer funded assistance is not being disbursed to those without immigration status or are in the U.S. illegally.