Stimulus Check Scams!
A Resource for Self-Advocates

What are stimulus checks?
Many Americans have lost jobs because of the coronavirus (also known as novel coronavirus or COVID-19). The government has passed the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" (CARES), which means that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is giving money to most Americans.

How will I get the money?
- If you have filed an income tax in the last two years, or you are currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, then you don't need to sign up anywhere to qualify! Either you will receive the money direct deposited into your bank account OR you will get a check in the mail.
- If you have not filed an income tax in the last two years, visit https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here.

How can I check on the status of my stimulus check?

What if I think I've been scammed?
If you think you're the victim of a scam, contact your local police by calling 911 and report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker.

Where can I find more information about stimulus checks?

BE AWARE OF STIMULUS CHECK SCAMS!
- If anyone calls to collect a “fee” or asks for ANY personal information, immediately hang up the phone.
- If you get a text or an email asking you to click on a link to get your money faster, do not click the links and delete the text or the email.
- If you receive a “stimulus check” by mail for an odd amount (especially one with cents), or a check that requires you to verify it, this is a scam. Most Americans, unless they make more than $100,000 a year, will receive $1,200.