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TO: All Incarcerated Individuals

All Work Release Individuals

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SUBJECT: October 27 Update: CARES Act Economic Impact Payments (EIPs)

The court has extended the October 30 deadline for incarcerated persons to claim an EIP to November 4, 2020. The Internal Revenue Service has requested that you include your DOC identification number near your last name on the form 1040 tax form.

As communicated previously, on September 24, 2020, a federal court in the Northern District of California has held that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) cannot deny an Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) to an incarcerated individual under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020) solely because he or she is incarcerated.

Incarcerated individuals may now register for the EIP in order to receive a payment if they meet eligibility criteria. The Washington Department of Corrections cannot advise whether you may be entitled to stimulus benefits under the CARES Act or court decision. Under the court's order, incarcerated persons should be permitted to submit claim forms and receive payments sent by the IRS.

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