



Information About Federal or State Benefits You May Be Eligible For

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was recently signed into law. ARPA provides a lot of benefits that your family may be eligible for. We are sharing this document to make you aware of new benefits and already existing benefits. If you think you may be eligible for a benefit, we encourage you to apply.



Type of Benefit	Description & Details	For More Information
Stimulus Check	ARPA provides a \$1,400 stimulus check for you and each of your dependents. You should get your check automatically if you filed taxes for 2020 or 2019, receive Social Security, SSI, SSDI, VA, or Railroad Retirement benefits, or used the IRS Non-Filers Tool in 2020 and already received your first stimulus check from 2020.	Visit: www.GetMyPaymentIL.org or call 888-553-9777. To check the status of your third stimulus check, visit: https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment
Earned Income Tax Credit	More workers than ever will be eligible for the EITC during next year's tax season. A higher EITC is available when you file your 2020 taxes if you earned less in 2020 than you did in 2019.	Visit: https://www.eitc.irs.gov/
Child Tax Credit	Advance payments of an expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) will be available later this year. If you support children up to age 17, you may be able to receive up to \$3,000-\$3,600 per child from the federal government if you file a 2020 tax return. These cash payments are expected to begin in July 2021. A reduced credit may be available to taxpayers with income above the threshold amounts.	Visit: https://www.eitc.irs.gov/
	ARPA increases the available child and dependent tax credit up to 50% of a maximum of \$8,000 of childcare and similar costs for a child under 13 or \$16,000 for 2 or more qualifying children. This is more than double the pre-ARPA amount!	Visit: https://www.irs.gov/help/ita/am-i-eligible-to-claim-the-child-and-dependent-care-credit
Unemployment Insurance	ARPA extends a \$300/ week federal supplement to unemployment through the first week of September 2021.	Visit: https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/default.aspx
Health Insurance	More help paying for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).	Visit: https://www.healthcare.gov/
Rental or Mortgage Assistance	The State and local counties and cities across Illinois have funding for rent, mortgage, and legal assistance related to housing. For more information about rental assistance in other counties, visit your county's website.	State: https://www.ihda.org/about-ihda/illinois-rental-payment-program/ https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=134895 Cook County: https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/covid-19-recovery-emergency-rental-assistance-program Chicago: https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/affordable-housing-programs/home.html
Food, Cash, Childcare, and/or Medical Support	Food, cash, childcare, and/or medical assistance through the Illinois Department of Human Services. Temporary food benefits are available through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) which provides most children who qualify for free/reduced-price school lunch to receive cash benefits.	Visit: https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx For PEBT information, visit here: https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=131776



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