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SEC. 2. EMERGENCY PAYMENTS.

(a) General Rule.—

(1) Directive to Make Payments.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall make a payment in each month of the payment period to each eligible individual.

(2) Beginning Date.—Payments for the first of such months shall be distributed within 14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) Payment Period.—The term “payment period” means the 12-month period beginning with the first month in which the Secretary makes a payment under paragraph (1), unless as of the end of the sixth month of such period the employment-to-population ratio for people ages 16 and over is greater than 60 percent.

(4) Form and Manner of Payments.—Payments under paragraph (1) shall be made in such form and manner as the Secretary shall provide, except that the Secretary shall—

(A) offer the option of receiving payments under this section by direct deposit, check, pre-paid debit card, or electronic transfer of payment through an electronic transfer application
that can be used on mobile devices to receive payments; and

(B) ensure that payments under this section are made to those without fixed addresses.

(b) **ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.**—For purposes of this section—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “eligible individual” means any individual—

(A) who—

(i) is a citizen or resident of the United States; or

(ii) is described in paragraph (4);

(B) who, as of January 1, 2020, has attained the age of 16, and

(C) whose adjusted gross income either—

(i) does not exceed the threshold amount for the taxable year beginning in 2019, or

(ii) would not exceed the threshold amount for the first taxable year beginning in 2020, determined on the basis of 2 consecutive months of such taxable year and annualized.

(2) **SPECIAL RULE FOR MARRIED INDIVIDUALS.**—In the case of any individual who filed a
joint return for the taxable year beginning in 2019, the individual and the spouse of the individual shall be treated as one person if either the individual or the spouse of the individual meets the requirements specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

(3) CERTAIN DEPENDENTS.—The term “eligible individual” does not include any dependent (as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) who, as of December 31, 2019, has not attained the age of 16 and with respect to whom a deduction under section 151(c) of such Code is allowable to another individual for the taxable year beginning in 2019.

(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES CONTINUOUSLY SINCE THE DECLARATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual is described in this paragraph if the individual—

(i) is not a citizen or resident of the United States; and

(ii) has been physically present in the United States continuously since January 27, 2020 (the effective date of the public health emergency declared pursuant to sec-
tion 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic), and continues to be physically present in the United States throughout the duration of the payment period.

(B) Break in presence.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii), an individual shall be considered to have failed to maintain continuous physical presence in the United States if the individual has departed from the United States for any period exceeding 90 days or for any periods, in the aggregate, exceeding 180 days.

(5) Consultation with other federal and state agencies.—For purposes of identifying and making payments under this section to all eligible individuals for whom the Secretary does not have sufficient tax return information to make such payments, the Secretary shall consult with—

(A) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of Social Security; and

(B) any agency making payments of pension or annuity to individuals for service performed in the employ of the United States or
any State, political subdivision of a State, or
any instrumentality thereof, which is not con-
sidered employment for purposes of chapter 21

(c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of each pay-
ment under subsection (a) shall be—

(A) except as provided in subparagraph
(B), $2,000 in the case of an individual de-
scribed in subsection (b)(1), and

(B) $4,000, made jointly, in the case of
two individuals filing a joint return for a tax-
able year beginning in 2019.

(2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR DEPENDENTS.—

(A) ONE CHILD.—If a deduction is allowed
for one or more dependents on the return for
the taxable year beginning in 2019, the amount
in paragraph (1) shall be increased by $500 in
the case of a return for which one deduction is
allowed under section 151(c) of the Internal

(B) THREE OR MORE CHILDREN.—In the
case of deductions allowed for three or more de-
pendents on the return for the taxable year be-
beginning in 2019, subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting “$1,500” for “$500”.

(3) PHASEOUT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a payment specified in paragraph (1) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by 5 percentage points for each $1,000 (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income exceeds the threshold amount.

(B) THRESHOLD AMOUNT.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term “threshold amount” means—

(i) $130,000 in the case of an individual who filed a separate return for the taxable year beginning in 2019, and

(ii) $260,000 in the case of the individuals treated as one person under subsection (c)(2) who filed a joint return for the taxable year beginning in 2019.

(d) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION.—

(1) USE OF RETURN INFORMATION FOR 2018 RETURNS.—For purposes of making determinations under this section with respect to any individual, if return information of such individual is not available
for the taxable year beginning in 2019, the Secretary shall use return information (if any) for the taxable year 2018 instead.

(2) Individuals for whom information not available.—In the case of any individual for whom return information is not available from the Internal Revenue Service and the Secretary determines that sufficient information is not available from the Social Security Administration or the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary shall provide for an application process for individuals to receive payments under this section. Such application shall be in such form and filed in such manner as the Secretary may require. For purposes of carrying out this section, the Secretary of the Treasury shall work in cooperation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of Social Security.

(e) Other Definitions.—For purposes of this section—

(1) Citizen or resident.—The term “citizen or resident of the United States” means a citizen or resident (as such terms are used in section 7701(a)(30)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) of the United States.
(2) UNITED STATES DEFINED.—The term “United States” means the several States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s delegate.

(4) OTHER TERMS.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, any term used in this section which is used in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the meaning as used in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(f) SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of this section—

(1) INCOME EXCLUSION.—Payments under this section shall not be includible in gross income for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) EXCLUDED FROM GROSS ESTATE.—Payments under this section shall not be includible in the gross estate of any individual for purposes of chapter 11 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(3) TOLL-FREE HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER.—The Secretary shall provide a 24 hour toll-free hotline telephone number for any individual to
apply for payments, and make inquiries regarding
the payment deliveries, under this section.

(4) Payments disregarded in the adminis-
tration of federal programs and federally
assisted programs.—Notwithstanding any other
provision of law, any payment made to any indi-
vidual under this section shall not be taken into ac-
count as income or income maintenance, and shall
not be taken into account as resources for a period
of 12 months from receipt, for purposes of deter-
miming the eligibility of such individual (or any other
individual) for benefits or assistance (or the amount
or extent of benefits or assistance) under any Fed-
eral program or under any State or local program fi-
nanced in whole or in part with Federal funds.

(g) Regulations or other guidance.—The Sec-
retary shall issue such regulations or other guidance as
may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section,
including regulations or guidance to—

(1) address changes in marital status, births,
and deaths;

(2) use the most current information available;
and
(3) provide for proper adjustments in payments, and recapture of payments, to correct under and over payments.

(h) Appropriations.—There are hereby appropriated from money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.