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## **Notice to financial institutions: Treasury Checks for Economic Impact Payments**

As authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service) will start printing and mailing Economic Impact Payment (EIP) checks. Estimated check volume is approximately 5 to 7 million checks per week.

The Treasury check for an EIP will be the same as the Treasury check for a tax refund payment, except that the check will have identifying text in the memo field stating, "Economic Impact Payment".

As usual, the checks will be signed by a Fiscal Service disbursing official. The check symbol for the latest round of EIP checks under the Act will be 40447 and displayed in the MICR line.

A sample image of the front of an EIP check is at the end of this notice.

**U.S. Treasury Check Security Features:** Financial institutions can also learn more about the security features of U.S. Treasury checks at <https://fiscal.treasury.gov/files/reference-guidance/gold-book/check-security-features.pdf>.

**Treasury Check Verification:** Fiscal Service encourages financial institutions to determine the status of EIP and other Treasury checks by using The Treasury Check Verification System (TCVS) for single queries and bulk queries using an automated programming interface (API).

The TCVS for single and bulk queries are tools to help the financial services industry check the status of U.S. Treasury checks. TCVS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**NOTE: TCVS is unable to provide assurance that the check being presented is genuine (not counterfeit) or that it is properly payable. Check**

information is not real-time and may not reflect that a check has already been presented for payment and is in process.

For more information about TCVS, please visit <https://tcvs.fiscal.treasury.gov> or contact Fiscal Service at (855) 868-0151, option 1 or [paymentintegrity@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:paymentintegrity@fiscal.treasury.gov). For other questions, please direct inquiries to the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service Payment Center at (855) 868-0151, option 2, option 0 or [payments@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:payments@fiscal.treasury.gov).

**Sample Image of Treasury EIP Check Payable under the Act**

