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How the CARES Act Can Help Drivers



As we continue to make our way — together — through this unprecedented time on the road providing access to essential services for our communities, we encourage you to help others, especially now.

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financial assistance under the new law.

Benefits for Americans and resident taxpayers:

- **Direct payments automatically**
 - The law provides for direct payments of up to \$1,200 (individuals) or \$2,400 (married couples who filed a joint tax return), with an additional \$500 payment for each dependent child.
 - Payments will be smaller for higher earners, with the full credit only available to individuals making less than \$75,000, and married couples making less than \$150,000.
 - You may spend this money on anything you and your family need – like groceries, rent, or other bills.
 - For example:
 - A head of household, with two kids, who makes \$112,000 per year should receive \$2,200.
 - A married couple, with three kids, who make a combined income of \$112,000 should receive \$3,900.
 - An individual, with no kids, making \$90,000 per year should receive \$1,200.

Benefits Specifically for Independent Contractors

- **Tax breaks for those who get sick or are caring for sick family**
 - If you are unable to work because of issues related to COVID-19, you may be eligible for a refundable tax credit up to \$511 per day, for up to ten days.
 - If you care for a loved-one who gets sick, you may be eligible for a refundable tax credit up to \$2,000.
 - If you stopped working to take care of a child at home while sick, you can receive up to \$10,000 in tax credits.
- **Unemployment payments for independent workers:**

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- This program is operating now through December 31, 2020.

Benefits for drivers who earn on the Lyft platform as supplemental income while working as full-time or part-time employees elsewhere:

- **Paid sick and family leave**

- If you get a W-2 through your regular job, you may be eligible for paid sick and family leave, in the event that you or a family member become sick during the pandemic.
- We recommend you contact your employer for information about how to ensure you get paid while taking time off to care for yourself or a loved-one.

Other ways to get support:

The CARES Act includes many other benefits that might help you out, depending on your personal and family situation — for example:

- More small business loans, and some loan forgiveness available for self-employed individuals, through the Small Business Administration.
- Paused federal student loan payments for six months, with no interest.
- More support for those with a federally-backed mortgage.
- New rental eviction protections, if renters are unable to make payments.

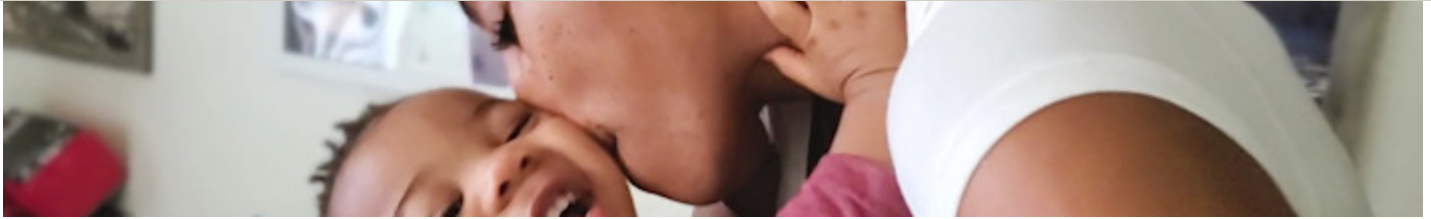
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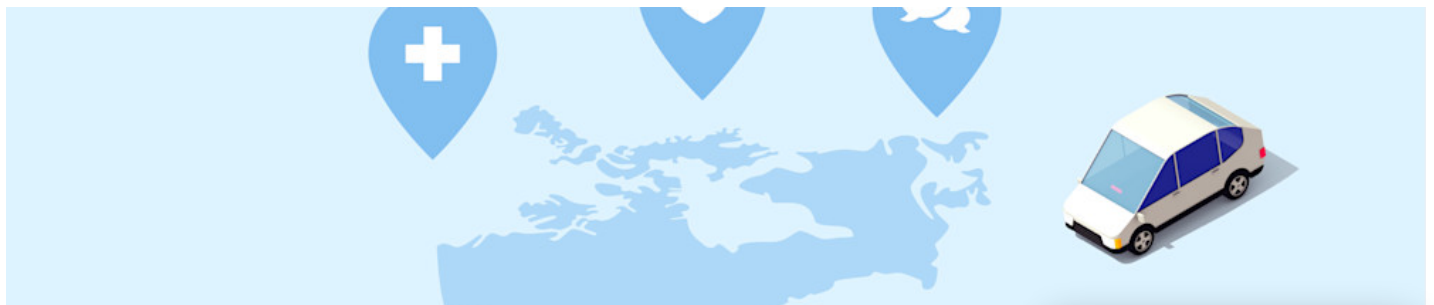
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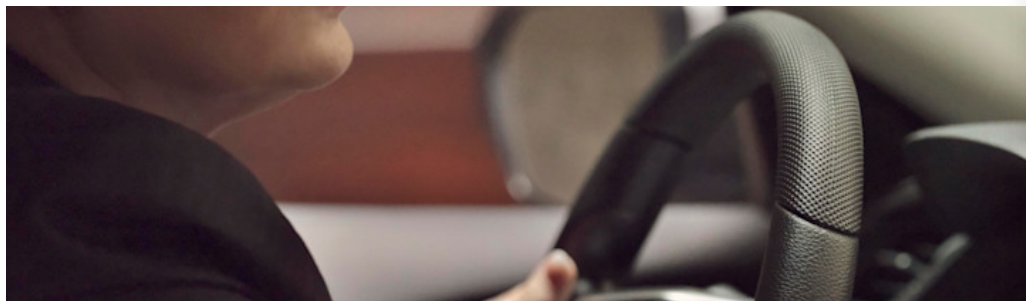
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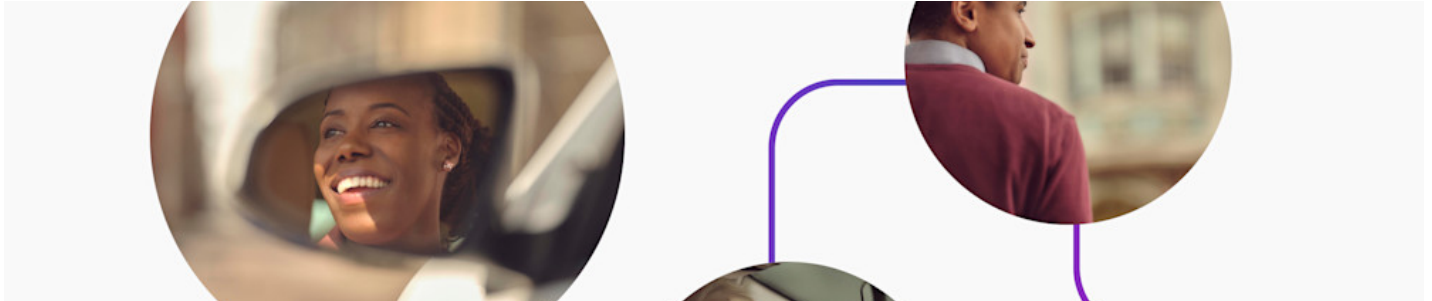


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