

## **Facing Eviction? Behind on your rent or utilities?** **Click here.**

There is good news for many Americans this week. Congress has passed a new law for coronavirus relief that will benefit many low-income renters and unemployed people throughout the country. This law provides for:

- A \$300-per-week unemployment benefit supplement through March 14, 2021, including the self-employed and gig workers
- A one-time stimulus payment of \$600 for people who earn up to \$75,000 per year
- \$25 billion for rental and utility assistance nationwide
- \$7 billion for broadband access for low-income families and rural areas nationwide, including \$250 million for telehealth
- \$10 billion for child care nationwide
- \$13 billion in extra SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits nationwide and
- An extension of the CDC eviction halt in nonpayment of rent cases through January 31, 2021

If you have not already done so, please read the form CDC declaration, sign it if all of the statements are true, make a copy for yourself and give the original to your landlord. Before you sign, you need to understand that you are signing under penalty of perjury, meaning that you cannot sign the declaration if any of its statements are not true.

Before you sign, you need to make sure that:

- You have used your best efforts to get all available government assistance for rent or housing (keep copies of your applications for public housing, Section 8, Rural Development or other types of subsidized housing)
- You are unable to pay your full rent because of substantial loss of household income, loss of work hours or wages, layoffs or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses (keep any documentation you have of this loss of income)
- You are using best efforts to make partial rent payments on time that are as close to your full rental amount as you can, considering other necessary expenses
- You would likely be homeless if you are evicted, would need to move into a homeless shelter or into a new residence with other people living in close quarters because you have no other available housing options, and
- You understand that you still have to pay rent and not violate any other requirements of your lease.