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### **Why is the IRS urging individuals to wait on filing taxes?**

Stimulus and rebate payments distributed through State programs in 2022 have left the IRS with important questions to be answered. In California, multiple stimulus payments went out such as the Middle-Class Tax Refund to millions of residents, with the highest payment being \$1,050 per person. The proper policy and filing procedure for these special tax refunds are intricate and the IRS expects to provide clarification as early as next week. It is not clear whether California assistance payments will be taxed federally or not. Aside from California, residents of other States who also received additional funds, are being advised by the IRS to hold off on filing, and amending any 2022 returns previously filed.

“For tax payers and tax preparers with questions, the best course of action is to wait for additional clarification on State payments rather than calling the IRS”, the agency said. <sup>(1)</sup>

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<sup>(1)</sup> IRS statement: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-statement-taxability-of-state-payments>