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**U.S. Department of the Treasury Requires Federal Benefit Payments to be Made Electronically**

***Help Check Recipients Comply with the Law***

*Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service*

The U.S. Department of the Treasury’ requires federal benefit payments to be made electronically. People who still receive paper federal benefit checks should comply with the law. It’s fast, easy and free to sign up for **direct deposit** or the **Direct Express®**Debit Mastercard**®**card.

**Help People Comply**

**[OUR/YOUR] [ORGANIZATION/CHAPTER/AFFILIATE]** can help people who still receive paper federal benefit checks switch to electronic payments. **[WE/YOU]** can inform the people **[WE/YOU]** serve that it’s fast, free and easy to sign up for **direct deposit** or the **Direct Express®**Debit Mastercard**®**card by calling the U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center at (800) 333-1795, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST. For direct deposit, they can also sign up online at [www.GoDirect.gov](http://www.GoDirect.gov) or by visiting their local bank or credit union.

Also, remind people to have the following information on hand when they make the switch to electronic payments:

* 12-digit federal benefit check number
* Amount of most recent federal benefit check
* Financial institution’s routing transit number\* *(direct deposit only)*
* Account number\* and type – checking or savings *(direct deposit only)*

*\*This information is often on personal checks.*

For more information, visit [www.GoDirect.gov](http://www.GoDirect.gov).