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Employee Communication – 3/30/2020

“As some of you may have heard, the Coronavirus Aide, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, was passed late Friday. The CARES Act is an almost \$2 Trillion stimulus package aimed to help individuals, businesses, the health care system and local governments. Below are some items in the CARES Act we felt would be beneficial to you and your family:

- Direct cash payments to individuals and families: \$1,200 per adult (\$2,400 per couple) and \$500 per child (16 and under), reduced for individuals making more than \$75,000 and couples making more than \$150,000. Individuals earning over \$99,000 and couples earning more than \$198,000 are ineligible. Social security recipients are eligible.
- Enhanced unemployment compensation payments with an increase of \$600 per week for 4 months. Unemployment has also been expanded to include freelance workers, independent contractors, part-time employees and self-employed individuals.
- Interest rates on all federally held student loans will be dropped to 0% for at least 60 days. You can also request an emergency forbearance on your loans without affecting any of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness programs. If you continue to make payments on your loan, this will all go to principal and past accrued interest.

At the main office, a few of us are working remotely to apply for funding sources available for the CARES Act to ensure the future of the organization so we can all get back to work once the COVID crisis is over. We will continue to monitor federal, state and local guidance and will update you as announcements are made affecting our programs. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns at this time.”



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