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## IRS cautions certain mechanisms for requesting taxpayer records not available

An IRS communication today advises that currently IRS operations are temporarily unable to process third-party authorizations.

An [email transmittal message](#) from the IRS advises tax professionals not to fax requests for Centralized Authorization File (CAF) numbers until further notice.

The IRS also stated that the Income Verification Express Service (IVES) also is temporarily “on hold.”

The IRS offered that as a possible alternative for tax administration purposes, taxpayers can go to the IRS website, select “Get Transcript Online,” create an account to verify their identities, and immediately review or print a tax transcript.

As the IRS communication notes because “extremely limited services are currently available,” the IRS is unable to process paper tax returns or respond to paper correspondence or staff toll-free live service lines. Taxpayers and tax professionals are directed to “use all electronic options” available on the IRS website. The IRS concluded that it will be able to issue “economic impact payments for those who filed returns with the IRS, including their bank account information, starting next week.”

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