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New Mexico awaiting guidance from IRS on 2022 rebates IRS reviewing federal taxability questions, urges taxpayers to delay filing

SANTA FE — New Mexico and about 19 other states are awaiting guidance from the IRS on whether state rebates sent to taxpayers in 2022 will be considered taxable income for federal purposes.

The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department has determined that the rebates are not taxable for New Mexico state income tax purposes, but the IRS issued a news release late last week advising taxpayers who received rebates to hold off on filing their 2022 returns until it has issued guidance on federal taxability, which it expected to do soon. The federal agency said it expected to "provide additional clarity for as many states and taxpayers as possible."

Taxpayers need the adjusted gross income and other information from their federal returns to prepare their New Mexico Personal Income Tax return, so delaying their federal returns will also delay their New Mexico filing.

"We hope the IRS will come through with its guidance quickly so that taxpayers can file as early as possible," said Taxation and Revenue Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke.

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The Department strives to reduce taxpayer burden through clearer communication, statutes, regulations, forms, correspondence and instructions.

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