

A safe, convenient alternative to paper Social Security checks

*The **Direct Express**[®] Debit MasterCard[®] card is now available in Massachusetts*

Have you ever worried that your Social Security check will be lost or stolen? Are you nervous about carrying around large amounts of cash?

You should know about a new safe and convenient option – the **Direct Express**[®] Debit MasterCard[®] card. It's a prepaid debit card that is available to anyone who receives Social Security or SSI payments, even if you don't have a bank account. Sign-up is free and no credit check is required.

The **Direct Express** card is simple and easy to use. Your federal benefits will be automatically posted to your account on payment day each month. The card can be used to make purchases, pay bills and get cash at retail locations and ATMs nationwide. It is possible to use the **Direct Express** card for free - there are no monthly fees and most services are offered free of charge.

The **Direct Express** card is a safe way to receive your money, eliminating the need to carry large amounts of cash. The money on the **Direct Express** card is FDIC-insured (up to the maximum allowed by law) and the card account is protected by a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for ATM withdrawals and at retail locations. If your card is ever lost or stolen, it will be replaced.

The **Direct Express** card is being issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's financial agent, Comerica Bank. The Treasury encourages anyone who is eligible for Social Security or SSI benefits to consider using the **Direct Express** card.

Signing up is quick and easy – call toll free 1-877-212-9991 or visit www.USDirectExpress.com.