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## Latest Updates Regarding COVID-19 & SNAP

### Treatment of Pandemic Unemployment Compensation for SNAP

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*The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act included Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) which provides an additional \$600 in federally funded dollars per week for all Unemployment Insurance recipients.*

SNAP budgeting rules count Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) as unearned income. The CARES Act also included [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#) (PUA). PUA is a federal program for people who are unable to work due to the pandemic, but who are not eligible for traditional unemployment benefits. Anyone receiving UIB or PUA will also receive additional FPUC payments of \$600.00 a week until July 31, 2020.

Important details include:

- **UIB/PUA/FPUC** payments **COUNT as unearned income** for SNAP.
- **Retroactive lump sum UIB/PUA/FPUC** payments are **NOT COUNTED as income** for SNAP.

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