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This page relays to staff and the public of changes to the Cash and Nutrition Assistance Policy (CNAP) Manual regarding policy, procedures, and forms. Reminders and general information may also be displayed on this page. Prior What's Changed pages are listed in <u>FAA6.R01</u> of the CNAP Manual.

The above list summarizes the information on this page. Within the CNAP Manual, each item listed above links to screens below.

Reminder: Expiration of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

An Urgent Bulletin was emailed on 07/27/2020, to inform staff that the \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program expired in Arizona on July 25, 2020. The final FPUC \$600 payment was issued in the last week of 07/2020, between 07/27/2020 and 07/31/2020. Therefore, for initial cases, a full month's income should be budgeted for 07/2020.

The FPUC payment received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has ended and should not be budgeted starting 08/2020.

The Federal Government is considering an extension of these payments through the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act. But until passed, the FPUC income is considered terminated effective the first pay week of 08/2020. The FAA Policy Support Team (PST) will provide notification should the benefits be approved through the HEROES Act.

Participants may continue to get one of the following Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefit while eligible:

- Regular UI
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- Extended Benefit (EB)

For initial or renewal cases the \$600 FPUC income should be removed for the month of August 2020 and ongoing. For open cases, remove the income when a change report is made that the client is no longer receiving the FPUC income.

When participants are eligible for retroactive FPUC benefits, they will receive the additional \$600 navment for eligible weeks between March 20, 2020, and July 25, 2020, even when the claim is https://dbmefaapolicy.azdes.gov/?#scope/Policy Manual#page/Archived_Policy%2FWhat'sChanged.html%23

payment for engine weeks between major 29, 2020, and July 23, 2020, even when the Gain is processed after July 25, 2020.

When the income is received as a retroactive payment in August 2020 or in any future month, it is considered as a Lump Sum payment.

Key lump sum payments on the LIAS AZTECS screen using the LS Liquid Assets Code.

Reminder: Contact Information for the FAA Employee Benefit Unit (EBU)

When an employee needs to provide verification or has questions about their personal CA, NA, or MA case, they must contact the FAA Employee Benefit Unit (EBU). The address and contact information for the FAA EBU is as follows:

FAA Employee Benefit Unit
Mail Drop 33C6
1185 S Redondo Center Drive
Yuma AZ 85365

Toll Free: (844) 493-8879

FAX: (928) 373-9223

Email: FAAEmployeeBenefitUnit@azdes.gov

The FAA EBU completes all actions on employee cases. See <u>Handling Special Cases – Employees</u> for additional information.

General Information: Claiming Economic Impact Payment (EIP)

Share the following information with participants who may need assistance to claim the one time Economic Impact Payment (EIP), also known as the Stimulus Payment.

Participants may be eligible to receive the one time EIP, even when only one of the following reasons apply to them:

- Are not required to file federal income tax returns due to their low incomes.
- Do not participate in one of the federally administered programs such as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement, or Veterans Affairs pension or disability benefits.

Eligible adults will receive \$1,200 and \$500 for each eligible child as EIP.

To receive the payments, these participants must provide their information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) no later than October 15. This can be done through either a 2019 tax return or the IRS "Non-Filers" tool. The IRS "Non-Filers" online form is located on the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Ine tool requires a user to create an online account, enter certain personal information (including direct deposit information, when available), verify their email address, and submit the form in the IRS website.

The IRS plans to issue all payments before the December 31, 2020 deadline in the CARES Act.

There is not an earnings test. Participants with zero earnings are eligible for the full amounts. The payments begin phasing out at incomes of \$150,000 for married couples, \$112,500 for heads of households, and \$75,000 for singles.

General Information: Forms Update

Changes to Forms – 07/25/2020 through 07/31/2020

As a reminder, it is important not to save documents on your desktop or a folder. It is better to use the form you need directly from the <u>Document Center</u>. Forms are frequently updated and sometimes the current form must be used for programming purposes.

Revised forms:

No forms were revised during the specified period

Newly created forms:

No forms were created during the specified period

Revised Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):

No revisions to marketing materials were made during the specified period