

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

End of FPUC and MEUC

05/27/2021

Program Impact: CA and NA

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) and Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) benefits are ending in Arizona effective 07/10/2021. FAA Systems will run an AZTECS mass change to remove the FPUC and MEUC income for the month of 08/2021 and ongoing from all open/active CA and NA cases.

On 05/13/2021, Arizona's Back to Work Program was declared by Governor Doug Ducey. In implementing this program, Arizona will stop taking the federal government's supplemental pandemic unemployment benefit for FPUC and MEUC effective 07/10/2021. Additional notification will be provided regarding the budgeting of Back To Work Program income.

The last benefit week payable for both FPUC and MEUC will be the benefit week ending 7/10/2021. However, payments may be issued after 7/10/2021 for benefit weeks occurring on or before the same date.

Note: Participants may continue receiving any of the following underlying unemployment benefits:

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

FPUC:

The FPUC income is currently budgeted as non-countable for CA and NA. Effective 08/2021, FAA Systems will remove the income coded with the UI FP from all active/open CA and NA cases.

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Any retroactive FPUC payment received on or after 08/2021 is considered as a Lump Sum payment. Key lump sum payments on the LIAS AZTECS screen using the LS Liquid Assets Code.

For new/renewal applications, only budget the actual FPUC income participants receive for the month of 07/2021. Key AC in the FREQ field on UNIC.

MEUC:

The MEUC income is currently budgeted as non-countable for CA and countable for NA. Effective 08/2021, FAA Systems will remove the income coded with the UI ME from all active/open NA and CA cases. The code will be changed to non-countable for NA on the same month.

Any retroactive MEUC payment received on or after 08/2021 is considered as a Lump Sum payment. Key lump sum payments on the LIAS AZTECS screen using the LS Liquid Assets Code.

For new/renewal applications, only budget the actual MEUC income participants receive for the month of 07/2021. Key AC in the FREQ field on UNIC.

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