

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Removal of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) and Lost Wage Assistance (LWA) Income

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Program Impact: CA and NA

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that FAA Systems will run an AZTECS mass change to remove the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) and Lost Wage Assistance (LWA) income for the month of 10/2020 and ongoing from all open/active NA and CA cases.

FPUC:

Since the FPUC income has terminated in 07/2020, FAA Systems changed the UI FP code to not countable effective 10/01/2020. Eventually, FAA System will discontinue the UI FP code. Any retroactive FPUC payment received on or after 08/01/2020 is considered as a Lump Sum payment. Key lump sum payments on the LIAS AZTECS screen using the LS Liquid Assets Code.

LWA:

LWA benefits were funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FEMA grant funded LWA payments from the benefit week ending 08/01/2020 through the benefit week ending 09/05/2020. LWA benefits ended in Arizona the benefit week ending 09/05/2020.

The Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has provided guidance that the LWA income is not countable since it is funded through a grant from FEMA and the Stafford act.

Effective 08/01/2020, LWA benefits are not countable. At a later date, FAA Systems will discontinue the UI LW code.

When FEMA allows funding to provide retroactive LWA payments to participants who applied for benefits between the weeks ending 08/01/2020 and 09/05/2020, the payment is considered as a Liquid Asset and is not countable.

Key the retroactive LWA payment as a Liquid Asset on the LIAS AZTECS screen using the OX Liquid Assets Code.

FAA Systems and the Policy Support Team (PST) are working together to identify all cases affected by this change ensuring corrections are made.

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