Washington Healthplanfinder
Release 7.3 Update

Medicaid Eligibility and Policy
Medicaid Eligibility and Community Support
June 2020
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7.3 System Release Outage

Washington Healthplanfinder will go down for regular scheduled maintenance on Tuesday June 9th and is tentatively scheduled to go live 7:30am PST Wednesday, June 10th

http://www.wahbexchange.org/news-center/outages-maintenance/
Unemployment Income Overview
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Under the federal CARES Act, individuals on unemployment will receive an additional $600 per week for up to four months. Individuals can review their unemployment benefits via:

- **SecureAccess Washington (SAW)**. The weekly benefit amount is listed under the *Summary* tab in the individual’s account and will not include the additional $600 per week.

- **Employment Security Department website**. The total weekly amount is listed under the *Weeks Summary* tab and includes the additional $600 per week.
Federal Pandemic Unemployment

The Federal Pandemic Unemployment benefit of $600 per week is:

- Not countable income for Washington Apple Health (Medicaid).
- Countable income for Qualified Health Plan (QHP) with tax credits.

Washington Healthplanfinder will return appropriate eligibility results when reporting unemployment compensation received.
Unemployment Income (UI) in Washington Healthplanfinder
Unemployment Income (UI)

Additional details are now required when reporting unemployment benefits in Washington Healthplanfinder. Updates include:

- Reporting all unemployment benefits received including the Federal Pandemic Unemployment benefits.
- Calculating monthly income for Apple Health differently than QHP with tax credits.
- Capturing the start and end date of unemployment benefits.
- Reporting an end date instead of removing unemployment benefits. This selection is now greyed out.
- Adding the field level help to provide assistance with the new unemployment reporting.
Unemployment Income

When submitting or updating an application, individuals receiving unemployment income should take the following steps:

Select Yes for Other Income, check the household members who receive unemployment benefits and select Next.
Unemployment Income

On the *Enter Your Income* details page select *Edit* under *Other Income*.

Identify the income type as *Unemployment benefits*. 
Unemployment Income

The following fields are required:

- The earliest date an individual was approved for unemployment.
- Yes/No – receiving unemployment benefits question.
- Total weekly amount.
- Frequency.

[Image of Unemployment Income form]

NOTICE: When you return to work and are no longer eligible for state unemployment benefits, you will need to return and report your unemployment end date.
Unemployment Income

Enter the earliest *Week Ending Date* the unemployment benefits were approved. This date should always be a Saturday.

Use the Calendar icon to select the appropriate date.

An error will appear if a date other than a Saturday is entered when trying to move forward.
Unemployment Income

Once reported, unemployment income cannot be removed. Individuals should answer No to the Are you still getting unemployment benefits question when they:

• No longer receive unemployment benefits or
• Received unemployment benefits in the past.
Unemployment Income Amount

Individuals enter their current unemployment benefit amount and its frequency.

They can use the field level help to see a screenshot of the Unemployment Portal.
Unemployment and Apple Health

A new box identifies the Apple Health countable income once the individual unemployment amount is entered.

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BASE UNEMPLOYMENT AMOUNT CALCULATION

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation   - $600.00
Base state unemployment amount               - $600.00
This amount is used for Apple Health eligibility.
Unemployment Income

Once the unemployment income is entered the income screen will calculate and display the monthly amount received.

This monthly amount includes the Federal Pandemic Unemployment of $600, which is not countable when determining eligibility for Apple Health.
Unemployment Income Banner

A banner at the bottom of the screen reminds individuals to update their unemployment benefits if the amount changes or the benefits end.

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How to find this amount?
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FREQUENCY
Weekly

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Updating Unemployment Income

To remove or report changes to unemployment income, select *Next*.

Unemployment income cannot be removed. The *No* for *Other Income* and the individuals check box are greyed out.
Ending Unemployment Income

Individuals answering No to the question Are you still getting unemployment benefits? are prompted to report the Week Ending Date.

Use the calendar icon to select a date. Only Saturday’s can be selected. An error will occur if a day other than Saturday is chosen when attempting to move forward.

Field level help has been added with the question How to find this date?
Resources
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- HCA Information about COVID-19
- HCA Training & Education Resources
- Secure Access Washington
- Employment Security Department
- Washington Health Benefit Exchange COVID-19 FAQs
- HCA Community-Based Specialists
- Contact your local HCA Area Representative