



# Washington Healthplanfinder Release 7.3 Update

Medicaid Eligibility and Policy  
Medicaid Eligibility and Community Support  
June 2020

# Topics

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# System Release Outage

# 7.3 System Release Outage

June 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					26	27

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

# Unemployment Income Overview

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:

Other income <sup>\*</sup> ⓘ

YES  NO

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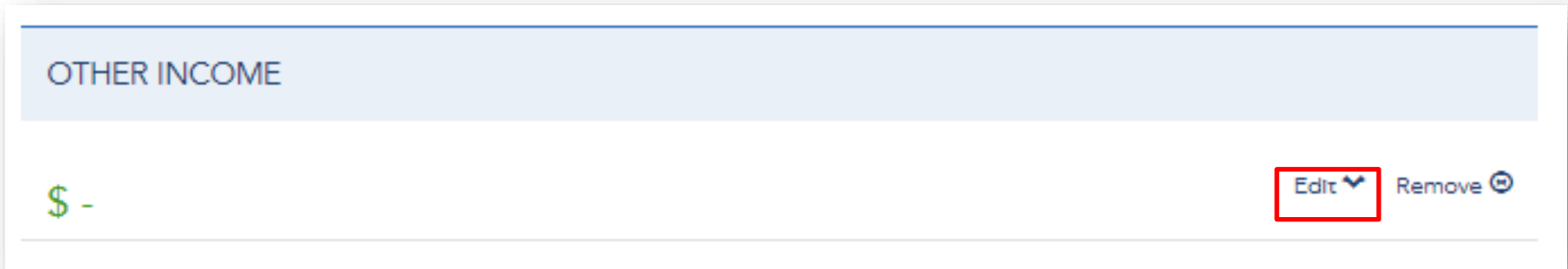
Examples of other income:

<i>Alimony or spousal support</i>	<i>Annuity or pension income</i>	<i>Capital gains</i>
<i>Dividend, stock, or shares income</i>	<i>Farming income</i>	<i>Foreign income</i>
<i>Income from a trust</i>	<i>Interest income</i>	<i>IRA</i>
<i>Other taxable income</i>	<i>Railroad Retirement Benefits</i>	<i>Royalty income</i>
<i>Taxable tribal income</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Unemployment benefits</i>	<a href="#">Examples of other income</a> 🔗

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*.

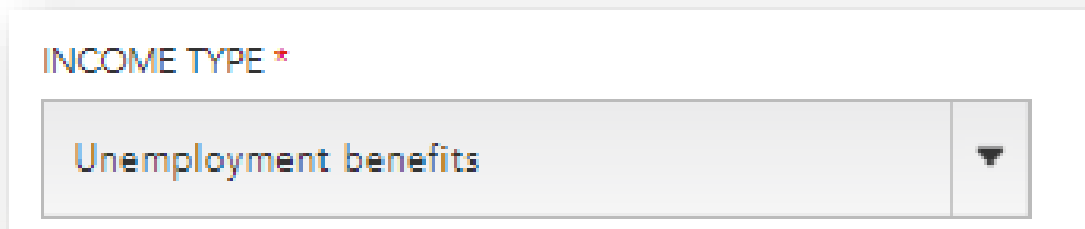


OTHER INCOME

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Edit ▼ Remove ☒

Identify the income type as *Unemployment benefits*.



INCOME TYPE \*

Unemployment benefits ▼

# Unemployment Income

OTHER INCOME


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INCOME TYPE \*

Unemployment benefits ▼

What is the earliest Week Ending date you were approved for unemployment benefits? \*

[How to find this date?](#) ⓘ

E.g. 05/16/2020 


Are you still getting unemployment benefits?

**YES** NO

TOTAL WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNT \* FREQUENCY \*

[How to find this amount?](#) ⓘ

\$ 0.00 Select an Option ▼

 **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.

The following fields are required:

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

# Unemployment Income

What is the earliest Week Ending date you were approved for unemployment benefits? \*

[How to find this date?](#)

05/16/2020 

Are you still getting unemployment benefits?

**YES**

<Prev							Today	Next>
May							▼	2020 ▼
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa		
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
31								
Clear							Close	

TOTAL WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

[How to find this amount?](#)

\$ 1,200.00

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.

Are you still getting unemployment benefits?

YES

NO

# Unemployment Income Amount

TOTAL WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNT \* FREQUENCY \*

[How to find this amount?](#) ⓘ

**How to find this amount?**

Locate your total weekly unemployment benefit amount by logging into your Employment Security Department account and clicking on the Weeks Summary tab. Find the most recent amount received.

**Weeks summary** | Decisions status | Pending issues | Items

**Weeks summary**

You have enough benefits left for 34 payments as long as you remain eligible, however, it may impact the amount and number of payments you will receive. Based on your skills

Week ending	Status	Weekly benefit amount
Apr 18 2020	Paid	856.00
Apr 11 2020	Paid	856.00
Apr 4 2020	Paid	856.00
Mar 28 2020	Paid	256.00
Mar 21 2020	Paid	256.00

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.

TOTAL WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNT *		FREQUENCY *	
<a href="#">How to find this amount?</a> ⓘ			
\$ 1,200.00		Weekly ▼	
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


OTHER INCOME

Unemployment benefits  
\$ 5,160.00 Close ^


What is the earliest Week Ending date you were approved for unemployment benefits? \*

[How to find this date?](#)


03/07/2020 


Are you still getting unemployment benefits? 

YES  NO

TOTAL WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNT \*  \$ 1,200.00


[How to find this amount?](#)

FREQUENCY \* Weekly 

BASE UNEMPLOYMENT AMOUNT CALCULATION 

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation	-\$600.00
Base state unemployment amount	= \$600.00

This amount is used for Apple Health eligibility.


 **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.

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.

TOTAL WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNT *	FREQUENCY *
<a href="#">How to find this amount?</a> ⓘ	
\$ 1,200.00	Weekly ▼
BASE UNEMPLOYMENT AMOUNT CALCULATION	
Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation	- \$600.00
Base state unemployment amount	= \$600.00
This amount is used for Apple Health eligibility.	
	<b>NOTICE:</b> 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.

# Updating Unemployment Income

**Add your household income** \*Required Field

Select the income your household receives and choose which household member receives it.  
[Learn more about reporting income.](#)  
 Confirm if any of the members on your application have the income types listed and choose the household member who receives it.

Income from a job *	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Self-Employment *	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Social Security *	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Rental income *	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Other income *	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

You have reported Unemployment Income and it cannot be removed. You can Edit it on the next screen and can then enter an end date. If you have a new period of Unemployment, add a new Other Income.

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Examples of other income:

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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

OTHER INCOME

Unemployment benefits  
\$ 5,160.00

What is the earliest Week Ending date you were approved for unemployment benefits? \*

[How to find this date?](#)

03/07/2020

Are you still getting unemployment benefits?

YES NO

What is the latest Week Ending date you were approved for unemployment benefits? \*

[How to find this date?](#)

To find the date you stopped getting unemployment benefits, log onto your Employment Security Department account and click on the Weeks Summary tab. Enter the last Week Ending date you received your unemployment benefits.

Weeks summary Decisions status Pending Issues Help

Weeks summary

Week ending	Status	Weekly benefit amount
Apr 10 2020	Full	350.00
Apr 17 2020	Full	350.00
Apr 24 2020	Full	350.00
May 01 2020	Full	350.00
May 08 2020	Full	350.00
May 15 2020	Full	350.00
May 22 2020	Full	350.00
May 29 2020	Full	350.00

What is the latest Week Ending date you were approved for unemployment benefits? \*

[How to find this date?](#)

05/30/2020

Calendar showing dates from May 3 to May 30, 2020. The date 05/30/2020 is selected.

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](#)