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Stimulus payments

- \$1200/individual (could be eligible for an extra \$500 per child under 17, if claimed as a dependent on taxes)

- A one-time payment as part of the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Stimulus Act)

- May have back child support deducted from the \$1200

- Does not count against monthly benefits to include Medicaid, SSI, SSDI, SNAP (food stamps), HUD, TANF, or VA pensions and does not count as a resource for 12 months after receipt

- **There is no set date for when you will receive the payment.** If you filed taxes for 2018 or 2019 you are likely to see the payment quicker. If you did not file taxes for either of those years, receive Social Security and have direct deposit the funds should be deposited to the same account as your Social Security Check. If you do not use direct deposit a paper check will be mailed to your address. Paper checks will take longer to receive.

- If you receive SSI or SSDI there is nothing that you need to do at this time. Currently the estimate is that SSDI/Retirement recipients will receive their checks by end of April, while SSI and Veterans benefit recipients will receive their checks by early May, but this is an estimate

****At this time, no staff is able to answer, with any authority, the date that an individual member will receive their stimulus check, please be patient****

- This may not answer all your questions, but if you want more info, you can use this link to the IRS website <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here>

Unemployment Insurance

- If someone is eligible for **Regular Unemployment Insurance** then they automatically qualify for an extra \$600/week, **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation**, if unemployment is due to Covid-19 as part of the Cares Act.

For example, if someone (based on their recent work history/earnings) was eligible for **Regular Unemployment** at \$130/week they would then receive an extra \$600/week, **FPUC**, for a total of \$730/week

- The **Federal Pandemic Unemployment (FPUC)** \$600/week additional compensation is payable through July 25th, or until the individual returns to work

- If someone is not eligible for **Regular Unemployment** they could be eligible for **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance** if they lost their job due to Covid-19. There are a number of scenarios that meet the eligibility criteria. If someone becomes eligible for **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)** they would automatically qualify for the extra \$600/week **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation**

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-At this time, to be eligible for any of these benefits, you must first file a Regular Unemployment claim .
IF denied for Regular Unemployment you will then be able to file for **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance(PUA) **For members who were working part time(TE or SE) and not able to work because of Covid-19 due to layoff this can be an option****

-If you receive SSI your Unemployment is counted as unearned income, so while receiving UI your monthly SSI check will be adjusted according to the SSI worksheet

-If you receive SSDI your Unemployment is not counted as income, so your monthly SSDI check will not be affected

-Medicaid will not be affected by Unemployment Insurance during the Covid-19 pandemic.

-Unemployment Insurance is taxable income