

Medicaid members who received stimulus checks or unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 public health emergency may need to tell Medicaid about it.

### **What counts as income for Medicaid?**

Medicaid members have to report all income to Medicaid at application or renewal. Actively enrolled members must also report any changes in their income. Some unemployment benefits need to be reported as income.

All unemployment benefits, regular or pandemic related, received March 2020 through July 2021 are **excluded** from being counted as income. This includes regular unemployment insurance (UI), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), and Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC). Unemployment insurance benefits received after July 2021 do count as income and **must** be reported to Medicaid as income. You can report any of these benefits online at [MyMedicaid.la.gov](https://www.mymedicaid.la.gov) or by calling 1-888-342-6207.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), Lost Wages Assistance (LWA), Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), and stimulus checks **are not** counted as income and do not need to be reported to Medicaid as income.

### **What counts as a resource for Medicaid?**

Members in some Medicaid programs have to report resources as well as income. If you have to report resources, you may need to report unemployment benefits and stimulus checks after a certain amount of time.

All unemployment benefits, regular or pandemic related, received March 2020 through July 2021 and retained in the months following the date of receipt during that time period will be **excluded** from resources indefinitely. Unemployment insurance benefits received after July 2021 and retained into the months following receipt will be counted as a resource. This applies to any regular unemployment insurance (UI), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), or Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

The benefits listed above that are counted as resources must be reported to Medicaid. You can report any of these benefits online at [MyMedicaid.la.gov](https://www.mymedicaid.la.gov) or by calling 1-888-342-6207.

Lost Wages Assistance (LWA), stimulus checks and Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) **will not be counted** as a resource at any time and does not need to be reported to Medicaid as a resource.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions about how these benefits may affect your Medicaid eligibility, contact us at 1-888-342-6207.