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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From:  **Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**

Re: Cross Programs: Termination of all Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Types

Overview

Effective for claim week ending September 4, 2021, all Pandemic Unemployment Compensation types will be terminated. This includes:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)

A special batch job will remove the UC type that has ended and recalculate the case automatically. A narrative will also be entered that the case was recalculated. Additionally, an EBC notice will go out to clients to notify them of their benefit change. Additionally, clients will receive a DTA Text Alert notifying them that the Department is working with DUA to remove the income and that they do not need to do anything.

For clients applying for SNAP, FAWs are reminded to count any terminated unemployment income, if applicable.

For clients applying for TAFDC the case manager must end the income in BEACON and move the effective date of the application to the date after the last unemployment compensation payment was received.

Purpose The purpose of this transmittal is to advise staff of the termination of all Pandemic Unemployment Compensation types, and the corresponding new and revised pages of the OLG.

New Online Guide Page

Topic: Cross Program
Book: Income
Chapter: Unearned Income
Page: Unemployment Compensation

Revised Online Guide Page

Topic: SNAP
Book: Eligibility Requirements
Chapter: Income
Subchapter: Other Income (Unearned)
Page: Unearned Income Overview

Revised COVID-19 Online Guide Page

Book: COVID-19
Page: Processing Cases with Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

Questions If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
