# CalSAWS

California Statewide Automated Welfare System

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Add Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Income Type

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# 1 OVERVIEW

Per CARES PL 116-136, all regular Unemployment Income and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance claimants will receive their usual calculated benefit plus an additional $600 per week in compensation.

Per the CARES Act, an additional 13 weeks of state Unemployment Income benefits, which will become available after someone exhausts all their regular state Unemployment Income benefits.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) provides emergency unemployment assistance to workers who are left out of regular state Unemployment Income or who have exhausted their state Unemployment Income benefits. Up to 39 weeks of PUA are available to workers who are immediately eligible to receive PUA. The program will expire on December 31, 2020, unless otherwise extended.

## 1.1 Current Design

Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) is not available as an income type.

## 1.2 Requests

Add Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) as an income type and update EDBC logic to calculate it properly.

CalHEERS will add Income Source 'Enhanced Federal Assistance' (UC) to the electronic Health Information Transfer (eHIT) interface with Change Request 153970. Map the new Pandemic Unemployment Compensation income type to 'UC' for eHIT.

## 1.3 Overview of Recommendations

1. Add Pandemic Unemployment Compensation as an available income type in the income pages, under the Unemployment category. Specify how EDBC will treat this income type for each program and how it will be communicated with CalHEERS in eHIT.

## 1.4 Assumptions

1. The system will not add either the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) or Unemployment Assistance (PUA) income types as these are included with Unemployment Insurance.
2. The income pages will not restrict Begin and End Dates related to PUC income. Workers are responsible for accurately entering these dates.
3. eICT will not be updated to add granularity for PUC, which will have the same mapping as UIB.
4. No update to the IEVS interface is necessary. If PUC income records are reported via the PVS Abstract prior to the PUC income is reported to CalSAWS,

an increase in PVS Abstracts that are not automatically closed by the System. These abstracts will require worker review.

5. LRS: Regression test the following forms/NOAs to verify the population of the income types.
   a. CSD 1
   b. Unverified earned Income termination NOA CF_TN_UNVRF_BUDMTH_ERN_INC_F035
   c. Unverified earned Income denial NOA CF_DN_UNVERF_BUDMTH_ERN_INC_F035
   d. Unverified unearned Income termination NOA: CF_TN_UNVERF_BUDMTH_UNERN_INC_F037
   e. Unverified unearned Income denial NOA: CF_DN_UNVERF_BUDMTH_UNERN_INC_F037

6. C-IV: Regression test the CW No Change NOA, CF Change NOA and CW No Change NOA.

7. There is no change to the CA 253 report to individually track the PUC income. Discontinuances will be included in the detailed backup worksheets of the report for the county to identify, review, and categorize as they like, before submitting the report to CDSS.

8. No update to OCAT interface will be made at this time to map the PUC income type to the Unemployment Benefit type in OCAT. The PUC income type is only available through 07/31/2020. The OCAT functionality doesn't go live until August 24th. In addition, most people would be over income if they apply for CalWORKs while getting this income.

# 2   RECOMMENDATIONS.

## 2.1   Add a New Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Income Type

### 2.1.1   Overview

Add Pandemic Unemployment Compensation as an available income type in the income pages, under the Unemployment category. Specify how EDBC will treat this income type for each program and how it will be communicated with CalHEERS in eHIT.

### 2.1.2   Description of Changes

1. Add a new Income Type of 'Pandemic Unemployment Compensation' to Codes Table 186:
   a. Set the details as follows:

**CalSAWS/LRS and C-IV:**

| Field | Value |
| --- | --- |

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|---|---|
| Adjustable Income | N |
| CW Disability Disregard | N |
| CW Classification | Exempt |
| MC Disability Disregard | N |
| MC Classification | Exempt |
| CF Classification | Unearned |
| CF Considered Permanent Disability Based | N |
| Income Category | 19 |
| Adjustable | N |
| FC Classification | Exempt |
| CMIPS Income-In-Kind Types | |
| EICT Inbound | LED |
| EICT Outbound | LED |
| CalHEERS Outbound | UC |
| CalHEERS Inbound | UC |

**Note**: CalHEERS Income Source Code 'UC' is for 'Enhanced Federal Assistance'. This Income Source Code is not countable for MAGI Medi-Cal/MCAP/CCHIP programs and is countable for Covered California Programs.

**Note**: EICT Income Source 'LED' is for 'EDD' income included on the EICT interface. PUC income will be classified as 'EDD' income for the purposes of ICT.

**CalSAWS/LRS Only:**

| Field | PUC |
|---|---|
| GA Classification | Unearned |
| YBN Inbound | UD |
| CP Classification | Exempt |
| Spanish | See Supporting Documents |
| Armenian | See Supporting Documents |
| Arabic | See Supporting Documents |
| Cambodian | See Supporting Documents |
| Chinese | See Supporting Documents |
| Farsi | See Supporting Documents |
| Tagalog | See Supporting Documents |
| Hmong | See Supporting Documents |
| Korean | See Supporting Documents |
| Lao | See Supporting Documents |

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| Russian | See Supporting Documents |
| Vietnamese | See Supporting Documents |

**C-IV Only:**

| Field | PUC |
|---|---|
| WINS Proxy | N |

### 2.1.3 Programs Impacted

CW, RCA, IN, CF, MC, FC, GA, CP

### 2.1.4 Performance Impacts

No Impact

# 3 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

| Number | Functional Area | Description | Attachment |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | Eligibility | Unemployment Insurance Grid | Unemployment Insurance Grid_FINAL |
| 2 | Correspondence | Threshold translations for Pandemic Unemployment Compensation | Threshold translations for Pande |

# 4 REQUIREMENTS

## 4.1 Project Requirements

| REQ # | REQUIREMENT TEXT | How Requirement Met |
|-------|------------------|---------------------|
| 2.8.1.1 | The LRS shall fully automate and perform all aspects of the eligibility determination process and benefit level calculations for all categories of public assistance in a single pass without manual intervention. | New income type added to track and apply income per program policy. |