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CIT Name:	Treatment of Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC), Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Federal-State Extended Duration (FED-ED), and Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) Payments in the CalFresh (CF), CalWORKs (CW), RCA/ECA, TCVAP, CAPI, LA GR, and Medi-Cal (MC) Programs
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Description: (Including any step-by-step instructions)	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of the CIT is to provide Los Angeles and CIV counties with directions regarding FED-ED and MEUC, and the treatment of PUC payments in the CW, RCA/ECA, TCVAP, CF, CAPI, LA GR and MC programs.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The Executive Order N-59-20 signed by Governor Newsom on May 1, 2020, orders the exemption of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act PUC payments did not exempt from consideration as income in determining eligibility for CalWORKs/RCA/ECA/TCVAP applicants; therefore, PUC must be treated in the same manner as regular state unemployment insurance benefits at application.</p>
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Per [ACWDL January 19 2021](#) PUC payments must be excluded from consideration as income or resource for CF from January 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

The guidance in the [ACL 21-22](#) is effective March 1, 2021 and supersedes the guidance issued via All County Welfare Directors Letter [ACWDL May 5 2020](#). PUC is exempt for CW both applicants and recipients.

[ACWDL 21-03](#), the treatment of Pandemic Unemployment payments for Medi-Cal has not changed. Although the treatment of income individuals receive from the CARES Act provisions remains the same, changes were made to certain parts of the program and income provisions.

There is no change to the treatment of pandemic unemployment payments for CAPI program. Refer to [ACL 20-46](#)

Additional Information

ACL 21-22 provide additional guidance regarding other pandemic unemployment payments in the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, pertaining to PUA, PEUC, FED-ED and limited MEUC payments.

ACWDL 21-03 provides guidance of the treatment for other pandemic payments in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, part of the H.R. 133, Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law No. 116-260, including MEUC, second draw loans, emergency financial aid grants, RRUI, RUIA, and emergency rental assistance payments.

Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC) and Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC)

payments are exempt from consideration as income and resources for the purposes of determining initial and continued CW eligibility and grant amount. For Medi-Cal, this income is not countable for MAGI and Non-MAGI. The taxable portion is counted for Covered California.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

payments treated as unearned income.

For Medi-Cal, the taxable portion is countable for MAGI. For Non-MAGI, the income is counted in the month it was received and considered as property the months after. For Covered California programs, the taxable portion is counted in the eligibility determination.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Loans

For MAGI Medi-Cal, the loan is not considered taxable income and is excluded from the eligibility determination. For Non-MAGI, loans are considered property, and business property is exempt for the eligibility determination. For Covered California programs, the loan is not considered taxable income and is excluded from the eligibility determination.

Emergency Financial Aid Grants

For MAGI and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal, these financial aid grants are not counted as income in the eligibility determination. For Covered California programs, these grants are not considered taxable income and are excluded from the eligibility determination.

Emergency Rental Assistance

For MAGI and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal, emergency rental assistance is not taxable and is not counted as income in the eligibility determination.

Additional Enhanced Benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RRUI)

For MAGI and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal, this one-time payment will be counted as income in the month received. For Covered California programs, the taxable portion is counted in the eligibility determination.

Extended Unemployment Benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA)

For MAGI and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal, RUIA benefits are counted as income (taxable portion countable for MAGI) in the eligibility determination. For Covered California programs, the taxable portion is counted in the eligibility determination.

Federal-State Extended Duration (FED-ED) and Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC)

benefits are considered unearned income.

For Medi-Cal, the taxable portion is countable for MAGI. For Non-MAGI, the income is counted in the month it was received and considered as property the months after. For Covered California programs, the taxable portion is counted in the eligibility determination.

County Action

For CW, RCA, TCVAP, CF (PACF/NACF), MAGI, Non-MAGI and LA GR, take action as described below.

1. Review the types of UIB benefits reported to determine the Unemployment Income type to use on the data collection pages.
2. Access the Income List page, select Unemployment from the **Income Category** drop-down box.
3. On the Income Detail page, select the applicable UIB type from the **Type** drop-down box:
 - Traditional state UIB – Select **UIB**
 - PUC – Select **Pandemic Unemployment Compensation**
 - PUA – Select **UIB**
 - PEUC – Select **UIB**
 - FED-ED – Select **UIB**
 - MEUC – Select **UIB**
 - PPP and Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw Loans- Select **UIB Stimulus Payment**
 - Emergency Financial Aid Grants-Select **Grants, Loans - Needs Based**
Note: Located under Educational, Student type
 - Emergency Rental Assistance-Select **Disaster/Emergency Assistance**
Note: Located under Miscellaneous type
 - RRUI-Select **UIB**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUIA-Select UIB Note: Enter Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) in the description box <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Enter the income amount in the Income Amounts section. 5. Save and Add Another or Save and Return. 6. Run EDBC. 7. Review EDBC result and Notice of Action (NOA). 8. Accept EDBC and NOA as appropriate. 9. Create a Journal entry per your County's business process. <p>For CAPI – EDBC Payment Override process to exempt UIB types of FED-ED, MEUC, PEUC and PUA.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete steps 1 – 5 above. 2. Run EDBC. 3. On the EDBC Summary Detail page, click the Override Payment button to access the Override Payment Detail page. Refer to EDBC Payment Override Detail job aid for further clarification. 4. Complete the Override Payment Detail page using the Override Reason 'New Policy'. 5. Complete a manual budget exempting the UIB type FED-ED, MEUC, PEUC/PUA amount and insert the correct benefit amount. 6. Save and Return. 7. Accept new benefit amount. 8. Generate and send Notice of Action. 9. Journal all actions per your County's business process. <p>For any questions related to this CIT, please reach out to the Primary Project Contacts listed below per your program.</p> <p>SCR CA-226328/CIV-108752 has been created for the list of CalWORKs cases denied due to the applicant test. The release date for this SCR has not been determined.</p> <p>A separate CIT will be sent once the lists are posted.</p>
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