

Extra Money, Extra Weeks, Extra Income Due to COVID-19



In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, people's income is changing in new ways—from stimulus payments, increase in unemployment benefits, and the duration of their benefits. Here are some considerations when working with families.



Extra Money: Stimulus Checks

Stimulus checks or direct deposits of up to \$1,200 for adults and \$500 for children are advance tax credits and will not be counted as income for health care eligibility.

Stimulus checks:

- Do not count as taxable income
- Do not count as additional monthly income for Medicaid, BadgerCare or Medicaid Subprograms such as the MAPP program for disabled people who want to work
- Do not count as additional annual income for determining eligibility for federal tax credits in the Federal Insurance Marketplace

Extra Money: Unemployment

The temporary increase of \$600 per week in Unemployment benefits does not count as additional monthly income for Medicaid and BadgerCare. However, this \$600 per week increase does count as additional annual income in the ACA Marketplace.



Any part of your Unemployment benefit that is just the regular Unemployment amount continues to count as taxable income and will be counted as income for both the Marketplace and for Medicaid/BadgerCare.

To report this income, call the Federal Marketplace at 1-800-318-2596. If you need assistance, you can find local help at <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/> or call Covering Wisconsin at 608-261-1455 or 414-270-4677.

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Extra Weeks

Regular Unemployment benefits can last for up to 26 weeks. The Pandemic relief law adds an **extra 13 weeks**, bringing the total possible benefit up to 39 weeks if you remain out of work.

Depending on when you become eligible, some of your 39 possible benefit weeks may include weeks with the extra \$600 benefit.

Extra People

The Pandemic relief law also offers Unemployment benefits to workers who have not been eligible before.

Some examples include people who are:



Self-Employed



Independent Contractors



People who have not paid into
Unemployment



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