

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Topic: Other

Due date:

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): 5503 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

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| Policy/rule title: | Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act | | |
| Policy/rule number(s): | 461-145-0087 | Release number: | |
| Effective date: | 01/01/2021 | Expiration date: | |
| References: | | | |
| Web address: | https://apps.state.or.us/cf1/cf/arm/A/461-145-0087.htm | | |

Discussion/interpretation:

Update: [Income chart](#) has been updated.

Update: Instruction on how to code Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation in ONE.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC):

FPUC payments have been reauthorized and those who are eligible (as determined by SS-PT-21-002 DHS 0079 (01.19))

the Employment Department) will receive an additional \$300 per week to supplement their unemployment benefits for weeks beginning after December 26, 2020 and ending on or before **September 6, 2021**.

The FPUC program was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides additional payments each week in addition to the regular UC benefit amount.

Implementation/transition instructions:

The chart below defines how the additional \$300 FPUC is to be counted for ODHS & OHA programs and the effective date for this change:

| Program | Treatment | Effective Date |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| SNAP/DSNAP | Exclude from assets in the month of receipt and the following nine months. All funds remaining after the exclusion period are a countable resource. | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| TANF | Excluded from assets | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| ERDC | Excluded from assets | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| REF | Retroactive payments are counted as periodic or lump-sum income, and all other payments are counted as unearned income. | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| REFM | Retroactive payments are counted as periodic or lump-sum income, and all other payments are counted as unearned income. | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| TA-DVS | Excluded from assets | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| GA | Excluded from assets in the month of receipt. All funds remaining after the month of receipt are a countable resource. | Apr. 16, 2020 |
| MAGI | Excluded for MAGI monthly calculation, countable for the annual income calculation. | Apr. 16, 2020 |
| Non-MAGI | Excluded from assets in the month of receipt. All funds remaining after the month of receipt are a countable resource. | Apr. 16, 2020 |

Note: FNS previously instructed SNAP to count this income, and the new guidance is to exclude it. Plans are being developed to address SNAP cases denied for being over income because of FPUC before this transmittal release.

Legacy Coding:

The \$300 FPUC income should not be coded. Workers should simply narrate when an individual is receiving FPUC.

ONE Coding:

Effective immediately, FPUC should be coded on the Unearned Income Information screen:

- Unearned Income Category - **Unemployment Compensation**
- Unearned Income Type - **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation.**

The ONE system has been updated to exclude this income type as outlined in the recent guidance.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA):

For all programs, PUA retroactive payments are counted as periodic or lump-sum income and all other payments are counted as unearned income.

PUA is a federal unemployment benefit program created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is for individuals who are self-employed, contract workers, and other workers who are not eligible for regular benefits.

Legacy Coding:

Code PUA as UC.

ONE Coding:

Enter PUA as Unearned Income. On the Unearned Income Information screen:

- Select “Unemployment” for the Unearned Income Category and
- Select “Unemployment Compensation” for Unearned Income Type.

NOTE: For REFC or REFM coding of PUC, contact Refugee Policy at Refugee.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us.

OAR 461-145-0087 has been updated to reflect these changes.

For additional information on COVID-19 and disaster-specific payments and how to code in ONE, please see [chart](#).

Local/branch action required: N/A

Central office action required: N/A

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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