

Unemployment Insurance

Emergency Increase in Unemployment Compensation.

- This provision would add an additional \$600 to every weekly unemployment benefit, effective until July 31, 2020. This \$600 benefit will be taxable (like regular UI benefits), but it will be disregarded in determining Medicaid or CHIP eligibility.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

- This provision would make an additional 13 weeks of federally-funded unemployment compensation for individuals who have exhausted their state unemployment benefits available immediately through December 31, 2020.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

- Creates a new program modeled on Disaster Unemployment Assistance that would provide unemployment benefits to individuals who do not qualify for regular unemployment compensation and are unable to work because of the COVID-19 public health emergency, notably: self-employed workers (including gig workers and independent contractors), part-time workers, and those with limited work histories.
- The changes made to increase the size of regular unemployment benefits and make them available for additional weeks will also apply to benefits received through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program.
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance will be state-administered but federally funded.

Eliminating Waiting Week.

- Various provisions incentivize states to eliminate waiting week periods by offering to have the federal government reimburse the compensation paid in the first week.