Many people in Washington are experiencing significant disruption in their lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including loss of jobs and health coverage. If you are receiving financial assistance from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, you may have questions about how to enter that income in Washington Healthplanfinder.

Through the Washington Healthplanfinder at wahealthplanfinder.org or the mobile app WAPlanfinder, individuals can receive free help applying or updating their information for health coverage virtually at https://www.wahealthplanfinder.org/_content/faq/contactus.html

Q: How is unemployment income typically reported in Washington Healthplanfinder? How do I view the unemployment benefit amount I should report?

While signing up for coverage, applicants are asked whether they receive any unemployment income and to enter their unemployment benefit amount. Unemployment benefits are distributed weekly in Washington State. Consumers can view their weekly unemployment benefit amount by:

- Clicking on apply/manage claims  
- The ‘summary’ tab will display your weekly benefit amount. However, under the CARES Act nearly everyone on unemployment will receive an additional $600 per week, which will not appear on this screen.  
- To see your weekly unemployment benefit amount with the additional $600 included, navigate from the ‘summary’ tab to the ‘weeks summary’ tab. This will display your full weekly benefit amount. This is the amount that should be reported in Washington Healthplanfinder. This amount will be automatically deducted when determining your eligibility for Apple Health, as required by federal law.  

Reminder: Existing Apple Health customers should not report changes in their application during the COVID-19 emergency. Families who have members on Apple Health and members receiving tax credits or qualified health plan coverage should report changes to their unemployment benefits.

Q: How often should I update my unemployment benefit information in Washington Healthplanfinder?

Once you have coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder, keeping your information up to date helps ensure you get the right amount of financial help. The easiest way to report changes to your unemployment benefits, and make other updates, is through your account online.

Generally speaking, you should update your account whenever your unemployment benefits change (for example, when you go back to work full-time or part-time).

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Q: There are new types of income created by the CARES Act passed by the US Congress in March 2020. How do I report these new incomes in Washington Healthplanfinder?

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| Federal Stimulus Payment             | One-time payment of:  
• $1200 Individual  
• $2400 joint filers  
• $500 for each child | No |
| Pandemic Unemployment Compensation  | Additional $600/week in increased unemployment | Under the federal CARES Act this additional $600/week must be counted when determining tax credits, but not when determining Washington Apple Health. Washington Healthplanfinder will reach out with additional instructions about how to report this income when the system update is complete. In the meantime, customers can choose to receive less or no advanced tax credits if they are concerned about a potential reconciliation responsibility. |
| Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation | Extension of unemployment benefits up to Dec 31, 2020 | Yes* | All customers should include this unemployment benefit income in Washington Healthplanfinder. |
| Pandemic Unemployment Assistance     | Extends unemployment benefits to new classification of workers (self employed, gig economy, contractors) up to Dec 31, 2020 | Yes* | All customers should include this unemployment benefit income in Washington Healthplanfinder. |

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