

REPORTING UNEMPLOYMENT INCOME IN WASHINGTON HEALTHPLANFINDER



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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*.

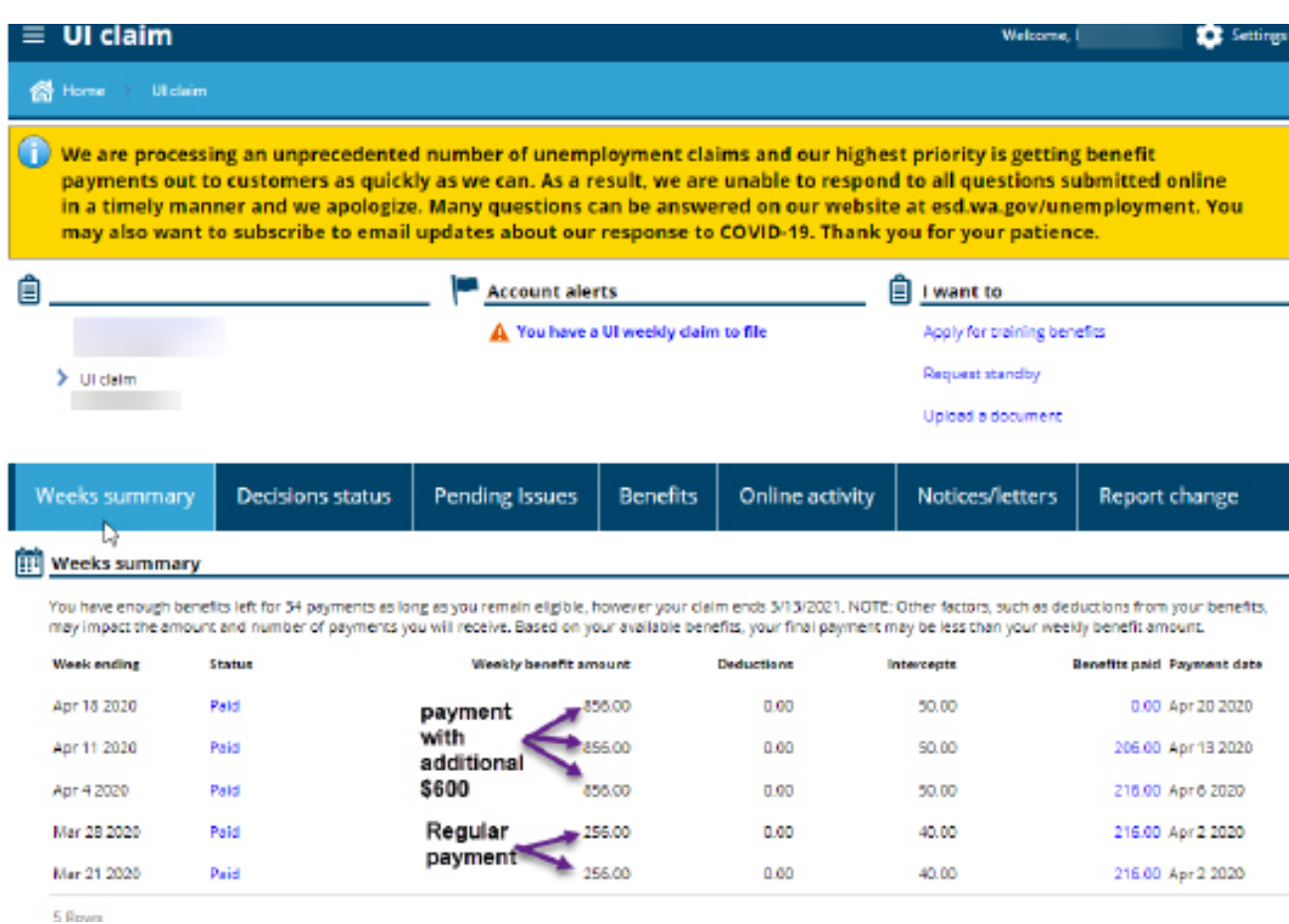
Through the *Washington Healthplanfinder* at wahealthplanfinder.org or the mobile app WAPlanfinder, individuals can receive free help applying or updating their information for health coverage virtually at <https://www.wahealthplanfinder.org/content/faq/contactus.html>

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:

- Logging onto their SecureAccess account on the Employment Security Department website (<https://secureaccess.wa.gov/myAccess/saw/select.do>)
- Clicking on apply/manage claims
- The 'summary' tab will display your base 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.
- Updated field level help and graphic instructions will be available in *Washington Healthplanfinder*.
- When you return to work, you will need to update your account with your unemployment benefit end date.



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).

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. 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?

Name	Benefit	Do I report this in Healthplanfinder?
Federal Stimulus Payment (also known as Economic Impact Payment or Recovery Rebate)	One-time payment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1200 Individual • \$2400 joint filers • \$500 for each child 	No. Do NOT include this payment when reporting your income in <i>Washington Healthplanfinder</i> .
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 counted when determining Washington Apple Health. <i>Washington Healthplanfinder</i> 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 <i>Washington Healthplanfinder</i> .
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 <i>Washington Healthplanfinder</i> .

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