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Policy Clarifications

SNAP – All

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Unemployment Income Regarding the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Payment (FPUC)

Question: The FPUC payments will be paid for all eligible weeks claimed through July 25, 2020. Budgets are closing due to income effective July 31, 2020, based on these payments. Would it be correct to finalize the FPUC payment in August and keep the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program budget open when this applies?

Response by: Policy Clarification Unit/DFPPM

Date: 7/14/2020

~~Yes. The CAO may finalize the FPUC payment during the first week in August because the clients will no longer receive FPUC payments following the program's closure. FPUC payments will supplement unemployment compensation claims made up through July 25, 2020. The last FPUC payment for this two-week claim period will be paid by August 04, 2020, which should be the date used for the final FPUC payment.~~

Yes. The CAO may finalize the FPUC payment in August because the clients will no longer receive FPUC payments following the program's closure. FPUC payments will supplement Unemployment Compensation (UC) claims made **up through July 25, 2020.**

Even though FPUC payments are ending, recipients may receive FPUC payments after August 4, 2020, for a variety of situations:

Example #1: On August 9, the UC claimant files for weeks July 18, July 25, August 1, and August 8, 2020. On August 21, the claimant receives a regular UC payment and on August 28, the claimant receives \$1200 in FPUC payments for weeks July 18 and July 25, 2020.

Example #2: On August 9, the UC claimant files for weeks July 25 and August 1, 2020. On August 21, the claimant receives a regular UC payment and on August 28, the claimant receives \$600 for week July 25, 2020.

Caseworkers may obtain verification of regular Unemployment Compensation (UC) payments using Electronic Data Exchange 2 – UC, Details tab. The Week Ending column will show the week claimed date. The CAO must request and check Exchange 2 information prior to requesting verification of payment history information from the applicant/recipient.