

Policy Clarification

SNAP – AII – PFS-20275-550

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Payments

Question: Will federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) benefits continue to count towards the SNAP household's income or resources?

Response By: DFPPM

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Previously the federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) was counted as income for SNAP. However, section 702(d) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, signed into law on December 27, 2020, states that FPUC payments made to an individual will be excluded as income and excluded as a resource for the month of receipt and the following 9 months. Caseworkers should enter the FPUC income and use the appropriate exclusion code. The regular Unemployment Compensation received by the client should continue to be counted.

This policy clarification supersedes the SNAP portions of PFS 20081-550 and OPS 20-05-02.