

Policy Clarification

Cash Assistance – All- PCA-20488-150

Medical Assistance – All- PMA-20488-350

SNAP Assistance – All- PFS-20488-550

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Benefit Status “In Progress”

Question: Current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipient with PUA income reported the benefit stopped and provided verification that indicates the benefit status is “in progress”. Do we continue to count the PUA income while status is “in progress”?

Response By: Policy Clarification Unit

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No. When an applicant or recipient provides an Unemployment Compensation pay status for their PUA benefit and it shows “in progress”, that means no payments are being paid and the CAO should adjust the income accordingly and redetermine applicant eligibility and any applicant/recipient benefit amount.

The CAO can request and accept a screenshot of the payment history as proof of PUA status.