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Assistance (PUA)

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

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COVID-19 Scenarios	MAY BE COVERED	NOT COVERED
Diagnosed with COVID-19 or with COVD-19 symptoms and seeking diagnosis		
Member of household has been diagnosed with COVID-19		
Providing care for family or household member diagnosed with COVID-19		
Primary caregiver for child unable to attend school or another facility closed due to COVID-19		
Unable to reach place of employment due to an imposed quarantine or because advised by medical provider to self-quarantine due to COVID-19	\bigcirc	
Scheduled to commence new employment and cannot reach workplace as direct result of COVID-19	\bigcirc	
Became major breadwinner because head of household died from COVID-19		
Had to quit job as a direct result of COVID-19		
Place of employment closed as a direct result of COVID-19		
Self-employed/Independent Contractors/1099 filers – and affected by COVID-19		
Seeking part-time employment but affected by COVID-19		
Insufficient work history and affected by COVID-19	\bigcirc	
Otherwise not qualified for regular or extended UI benefits and affected by COVID-19		
Denied continued UI due to refusal to return to work/accept an offer of new work at a worksite not in compliance with local, state or national health/safety standards related to COVID-19		
Unemployed from educational institutions/educational service agencies because of volatility in the work schedule directly caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, including changes in schedules and partial closures	\bigcirc	
Laid off or working reduced hours as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency		



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Individuals that can telework with pay		
Individual receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits (regardless of meeting a category listed above)		