

# Extension of CARES Act Benefit Programs

The Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020, signed into law on 12/27/20, resulted in several UI program changes. The scenarios below describe these changes, which impact claimants who received UI benefits during Calendar Year 2020.

## Scenario 1

### Regular UI benefits

[Payable for 26 weeks maximum]

**On 12/26/20, claimant DID NOT EXHAUST Regular UI benefits.** Claimant will receive Regular UI benefits for up to a maximum of 26 weeks, when benefits exhaust. Claimant may then be eligible to receive PEUC benefits, if available.

**On 12/26/20, claimant EXHAUSTED Regular UI benefits.** Claimant may be eligible for PEUC benefits. PEUC benefits are payable for up to 24 weeks (the new maximum) **or** until Sat., 04/10/21, when the program ends.

## Scenario 2

### Pandemic Unemployment Emergency Compensation (PEUC) benefits

[Payable for 24 weeks maximum]

**On 12/26/20, claimant DID NOT exhaust PEUC benefits.** Claimant will receive PEUC benefits for up to a total of 24 weeks (the new maximum) **or** until Sat., 04/10/21, when the program ends.

**On or before 12/26/20, claimant EXHAUSTED PEUC benefits.** Claimant may be eligible to receive PEUC benefits for up to 11 additional weeks **or** until Sat., 04/10/21, when the program ends.

## Scenario 3

### Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits

[Payable for 50 weeks maximum]

**On 12/26/20, claimant DID NOT exhaust PUA benefits.** Claimant will receive PUA benefits for up to a total of 50 weeks (the new maximum) **or** until Sat., 04/10/21, when the program ends.

**On or before 12/26/20, claimant EXHAUSTED PUA benefits.** Claimant may be eligible to receive up to 11 additional weeks of PUA benefits **or** until the program ends on Sat., 04/10/21.

## Scenario 4

### Extended Benefits (EB) benefits

[Final benefit week of the program was week ending Sat., 12/12/20]

**On 12/12/20, the EB program EXPIRED.** Claimants may be eligible to reopen their PEUC claim and receive up to 11 additional weeks of PEUC benefits (up to the new max of 24 weeks) **or** until Sat., 04/10/21, when the program ends.