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The Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020, signed into law on December 27, 2020, extended Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), which provides an additional \$300 weekly benefit payment for claimants. This program is currently scheduled to conclude the week ending March 13, 2021.

Unlike other forms of unemployment insurance (UI) compensation, FPUC is not countable for the purposes of the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (SNAP), which provides monthly food assistance to help individuals and families buy groceries, or [Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children](#) (TAFDC) benefits, which provides direct economic assistance to families.

1 in 8 Massachusetts residents currently receive SNAP benefits. If you applied for SNAP in the past, but were deemed ineligible because of FPUC, you may be eligible under new federal rules. To learn more information about SNAP and find out if you are eligible, visit [DTAConnect.com/screening](https://DTAConnect.com/screening).

**REMINDER:** When using the SNAP screening tool, Regular UI compensation, PUA, and other forms of UI compensation are countable, however do not include FPUC benefits as a part of your income.