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|  | **How MassHealth and the Health Connector  Treat New Payments Authorized by the CARES Act** |

***Most current information available to MLRI as of April 20, 2020, but please check websites for further updates***

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| **Type of Payment** | **Does is count when applying for MassHealth?** | **Does it count for the Health Connector when applying or reporting a change?** | **Where to learn more about who qualifies for the payment and how to obtain it.** | **Will it reduce benefits for people already enrolled in MassHealth?** |
| **One-time payment from the IRS** ($1200 per adult and $500 per qualifying child under 17). Called an economic impact payment or recovery rebate. | No. It will never count as income. Do not report it as One-Time Income.  It will not count as an asset for 12 months from receipt | No. It will never count as income. Do Not report it as One-Time Income. | [IRS website](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-and-economic-impact-payments)  [Masslegalhelp](https://www.masslegalhelp.org/covid-19/stimulus-payment)  [Get It Back Campaign (CBPP)](https://www.eitcoutreach.org/tax-filing/coronavirus/a-guide-to-economic-impact-payments-for-advocates/) | **No**! Anyone enrolled in MassHealth on March 18, 2020 or later is protected from losing MassHealth until the COVID-19 emergency is over regardless of any increase in income. |
| **Regular unemployment** paid for additional weeks | Yes. | Yes. | [Dept. of Unemployment Assistance website](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-unemployment-assistance) |
| **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance**- A new kind of unemployment for people not normally eligible | Yes. | Yes | [Dept. of Unemployment Assistance website](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-pandemic-unemployment-assistance)  [Masslegalhelp](https://www.masslegalhelp.org/covid-19/pua) |
| **An extra $600 per week** for any week between Mar 29 and July 25, 2020 that a person also gets regular unemployment or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance | **No!** Do not include in the section of the application asking for the amount of current unemployment income | **Yes**. Do include on the section of the application asking for estimated annual income for 2020 along with any other income received or expected in 2020. | [Masslegalhelp](https://www.masslegalhelp.org/covid-19-unemployment)  This $600 per week will be shown in the “Additions” column on the individual’s online account with Dept. of Unemployment. |