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Nevada Health Link “Lost Wages Assistance” Reporting

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic and continued economic strain across the nation, the President signed an executive order titled “Memorandum on Authorizing the Other Needs Assistance Program for Major Disaster Declarations related to Coronavirus Disease 2019” on August 8, 2020. A portion of the executive order authorizes the following benefits:

Lost Wages Assistance Program (LWAP) provides an additional \$300 in weekly federal unemployment benefits to eligible State Unemployment Income (UI) beneficiaries, receiving at least \$100 in state UI benefits. Eligibility is also dependent on being unemployed or under employed, due to the pandemic. The additional \$300 weekly benefits would be available from the week of unemployment ending August 1, 2020 to no later than December 27, 2020, or until available funding is depleted.

It is important for any recipients of the additional \$300 Lost Wages UI to be aware that it is taxable income and counted for Exchange eligibility determinations, but not counted for Medicaid/CHIP Determinations. **Since the \$300 Lost Wages Assistance benefits are not counted in Medicaid/CHIP determinations, consumers should check with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to ensure eligibility.**

If LWAP income inclusion/exemption allows a consumer to qualify for either Exchange coverage or Medicaid/CHIP coverage, Medicaid/CHIP is the most appropriate coverage.

If you have any questions please contact the Nevada Health Link Contact Center with the information provided below.

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