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## NOTICE OF FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Dear Claimant,

Unemployment Insurance Agency records show you filed a claim for unemployment benefits; however, your claim was denied. This notice is to advise you that as a result of your denied claim, you may be entitled to benefits under the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program enacted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. You can apply for PUA online at [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) through your Michigan Web Account Manager (MiWAM). If you do not have a MiWAM account, you will be able to create an account online.

If you qualify for PUA, your weekly benefit entitlement will be based on your proof of income provided. The minimum weekly benefit entitlement for PUA is \$160. This amount can be increased based on the proof of income you provide.

In addition to your PUA weekly benefit amount, you are also entitled to receive an additional \$600 per week in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The additional \$600 is also payable as part of the federal CARES Act and will be paid along with your PUA weekly benefit entitlement. The additional \$600 will be payable for the weeks ending April 4, 2020 through the week ending July 25, 2020. This payment will end when your benefit entitlement expires or the week ending July 25, 2020, whichever one comes first. You do not need to do anything additional to qualify for this payment; however, you must certify bi-weekly to receive both payments. The additional \$600 FPUC payment will be retroactively paid for weeks ending April 4, 2020.

PUA application processing will begin April 20, 2020. You are encouraged to file your application and provide proof of your income, prior to this date. When your application processing is completed, you will receive a determination notifying you of your benefit entitlement, and the date you are to begin certifying. You will be paid within 7 – 10 days after your certification if there are no issues. Applications will be processed as quickly as possible, please monitor your MiWAM account for updates.

To qualify for PUA you must have stopped working for a COVID-19 related reason(s). As part of the application you will be required to self-attest as to when you stopped working and why you are no longer working. If it is later found that you intentionally provided false information or omitted information in order to receive PUA benefits, you will be considered to have committed fraud. Your benefits will be stopped, and you will be required to repay any benefits you have already received. In addition, you will be assessed a fraud penalty and be subject to criminal prosecution.

Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency