

Proposed Triggers for Unemployment Insurance Expansions

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

- After July 31, 2020, the amount of FPUC will remain at \$600 for all weeks until a state's three-month average total unemployment rate¹ falls below 11%
- FPUC will be \$500 while a state's unemployment rate is above 10%
- FPUC will be \$400 while a state's unemployment rate is above 9%
- FPUC will be \$300 while a state's unemployment rate is above 8%
- FPUC will be \$200 while a state's unemployment rate is above 7%
- FPUC will be \$100 while a state's unemployment rate is above 6%

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

- The 13 weeks of PEUC made available under the CARES Act will remain available until March 27, 2021. Thereafter, they will remain available as long as a state's unemployment rate is above 5.5%. PEUC makes a total of 39 weeks of unemployment compensation available in most states.²
- A total of 26 weeks of PEUC will be available when a state's unemployment rate is above 6.5%, making a total of 52 weeks of unemployment compensation available.
- A total of 39 weeks of PEUC will be available when a state's unemployment rate is above 7.5%, making a total of 65 weeks of unemployment compensation available.
- A total of 52 weeks of PEUC will be available when a state's unemployment rate is above 8.5%, making a total of 78 weeks of unemployment compensation available.
- Whenever PEUC is available, the maximum duration of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance increases by the same number of weeks of PEUC available.
- PEUC benefits will have a soft cutoff, meaning that anyone who starts claiming a tier of benefits may finish claiming that tier even if the amount of PEUC available in the state decreases.

Other CARES Act and Families First Act Programs

- Programs described in sections 2102, 2103, 2105, 2108, and 2109 of the CARES Act and sections 4103 and 4105 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act will remain effective until March 27, 2021.
- Thereafter, the programs will remain in place until a state's unemployment rate drops below 6.5%.

¹ Throughout this proposal, "unemployment rate" refers to a state's three-month average rate of total unemployment, seasonally adjusted.

² The total number of weeks of unemployment compensation available is calculated for states that offer 26 weeks of benefits under state law; states that offer fewer or more weeks of regular unemployment compensation would have a different total number of weeks available with PEUC. These totals do not include Extended Benefits, which many states have already triggered or will trigger soon.