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## **EDD Joins State Departments to Promote Vital Food, Housing, Utility and Health Care Coverage Assistance as Federal Unemployment Benefits Set to Expire Next Month**

SACRAMENTO—As people across the nation face the end of federal unemployment benefits next month, EDD and other California state departments are joining together to encourage eligible workers to apply for vital public benefit programs that continue—including money for food, rent, utilities, and health insurance.

Covered California, the Department of Managed Health Care, the Employment Development Department, Housing and Community Development, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health Care Services, and other state agencies and departments are working together with county and community partners to proactively continue helping people whose federal unemployment benefits will soon end.

California recently posted links to GetCalFresh.org through its unemployment benefits website, which boosted food aid applications by 108,000 this summer. New federal support makes connecting eligible Californians to benefits like this even more important. California families and individuals receiving [CalFresh benefits will soon receive a significant increase in food benefits](#), thanks to [action taken by the federal government](#) this week.

September 4, 2021 is the [expiration date for most federal unemployment benefits](#), including Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Unemployment Emergency Compensation (PEUC), the \$300 Federal Additional Compensation (PAC) (also known as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) supplement), and Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC). September 11, 2021, is the end of the Federal-State Extended Duration (FED-ED) extension. Claimants are receiving notices about these changes, with links to the other vital benefit programs that continue.

Although federal unemployment benefits will soon end for many unemployed Californians, the [American Rescue Plan](#) and [California Comeback Plan](#) have substantially expanded other vital benefits that continue to help eligible California families:



- Cash aid for families with children (CalWORKs) through county human services agencies at [BenefitsCal.org](https://www.benefitscal.org) (where people can also apply for food assistance [CalFresh], and free health coverage [Medi-Cal]).
- Over \$234 per person per month for food via CalFresh ([GetCalFresh.org](https://www.getcalfresh.org) or by phone at 1-877-847-3663), whether a person is working or not.
- Money for rent and utilities—including 100 percent rent and utilities—via Housing is Key ([HousingIsKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com) or by phone at 1-833-430-2122).
- Free or low-cost health insurance through Covered California or Medi-Cal ([CoveredCA.com](https://www.coveredca.com) or by phone at 1-800-300-1506). Californians who received unemployment insurance in 2021 may be eligible for Covered California's best coverage for \$1 per month.
- [Golden State Stimulus](https://www.goldenstatestimulus.com) payments for millions of qualified residents who file taxes, even if not required. (By phone at 1-800-845-6500).

Individuals already enrolled in Medi-Cal or a Covered California health plan should report changes in unemployment benefits because this could lower their health coverage costs.

EDD has also provided resources to help claimants find jobs and get job training at the [Returning to Work](https://www.edd.ca.gov/Returning-to-Work) webpage. That includes CalJOBS, a no-cost virtual job center that includes more than a million job listings from private job boards and recruitment sites.

The state is also working with stakeholders and partners across California to help get the word out on social media about the many other vital benefit programs using #TogetherWeBenefit.

A fact sheet with information about the end of federal unemployment benefits and key benefit programs still available in California can be found on the [EDD Federal Provisions for Unemployment webpage](https://www.edd.ca.gov/Federal-Provisions-for-Unemployment). It is available in English and Spanish with translations in Armenian, Korean, Simplified Chinese, Tagalog, Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese coming in the next few days.

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