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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (UIB)

Description: Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) are benefits to offset the loss of earned income for certain workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. The program is administered by the New York State Department of Labor. The claimant applies by making a toll-free phone call or through an on-line process at the NYSDOL website. Benefits are paid by check. The amount of benefits is based upon income earned while employed.

Policy: UIB is countable unearned income.

NOTE: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 "Stimulus Bill", Public Law 111-5 Section 2002 authorized additional unemployment insurance benefits (UIB) of \$25 per week effective the period March 1, 2009 through the week ending December 12, 2010. The additional payment of \$25 per week must be disregarded when determining retroactive, initial, and on-going eligibility for all Medicaid A/Rs receiving UIB.

Reference:

INFs	88 INF-84
GISs	10 MA/024 09 MA/018 09 MA/012

When to Verify:

- (a) When the A/R indicates in the application that s/he has applied for, or is receiving UIB;
- (b) When the A/R indicates in the application that s/he has recently been employed, but is now unemployed;
- (c) When the case record indicates that the A/R has been in receipt of UIB, but does not declare in the application that s/he is currently in receipt of UIB.

Verification: Benefits may be verified by:

- (a) The Resource File Integration (RFI) WMS subsystem;
- (b) Seeing the benefit check;
- (c) Seeing the UIB claim award letter sent to the A/R detailing the status and amount of the claim;
- (d) Seeing a current on-line printout of UIB that the A/R can access with their unique password; or

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- e) If none of the above is available and cannot readily be obtained by the A/R or additional information is needed, clear through the NYS Department of Labor (DOL) Unemployment Insurance On-line System. This system can be accessed through the county's TTSS coordinator.

Documentation: Sufficient to establish an audit trail:

- (a) Screen print of the RFI WMS subsystem, filed in the case record;
- (b) Date, number and amount of check;
- (c) Date of initial filing and benefit amount;
- (d) Returned clearance from the NYS UIB-MIS filed in the case record.

Related Form: LDSS-3861 (UIB Current Inquiry) and LDSS-3936 (UIB Investigative Inquiry).

