

Self-Employed Talking Points (4/10/2020)

- Self-employed individuals do not usually pay into the unemployment system and are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits.

HOWEVER

- *With the passage of the CARES Act, self-employed people should be eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).*
- Please Note: There is **not** currently a **Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)** program in place **in Nebraska**.
- As a condition of eligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), the individual must first file and be found ineligible for regular unemployment.
- If she/he has already applied for benefits, we will begin processing those that are monetarily ineligible for the PUA program as soon as the software upgrades to our system are finished. We anticipate this being completed **by the end of next week, April 17th or sooner**.
- The minimum and maximum weekly benefit eligibility for this program is between **\$174 and \$440 per week in PUA benefits** and an additional **\$600 per week in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)**.
- The FPUC \$600 benefit is automatically loaded on top of the PUA benefit, so the claimant does not need to apply for and/or do anything additional to receive it other than filing weekly on Sunday or Monday.
- **PUA** (\$174 - \$440) weekly benefit is potentially retroactive to the week beginning **February 2nd and runs for up to 39 weeks**.
- **FPUC \$600 payment specifically runs from March 28th through the week ending July 25th**.