

Talking Points – HAI Presentation – 6/18/20

- **Are COVID-related services covered?**
 - Tufts Health Plan covers all COVID-related services at no cost to our members
- **What is PUA?**
 - Provides payment to workers not typically eligible for unemployment, who are unable to work as a direct result of COVID-19
 - May include:
 - those who are self-employed,
 - independent contractors,
 - those who have been diagnosed
 - are providing care for a family member with COVID-19
 - place of employment closed due to COVID-19
- **How much will I receive?**
 - Initially receive the minimum benefit amount, plus an additional \$600.
 - Weekly benefit may be adjusted after wages are verified
 - All PUA benefits are subject to MA and federal taxes.
- **How do I apply?**
 - Visit <https://ui-cares-act.mass.gov/PUA/>
 - Need the following info:
 - Social Security number
 - USCIS number
 - Contact information
 - Wage records from 2019 (ex. 1099 forms, Pay stubs, bank statements)

- Social Security number for dependents
- **How does the economic stimulus check and/or unemployment benefits affect my eligibility for public programs like Medicaid or the Health Connector?**

Type of Income	Include in Income?
Unemployment	Yes
Additional \$600/week unemployment	Yes
Stimulus check	NO (one time payments do not count)

- **How does Tufts Health Plan support the Community?**
 - Tufts health Plan is committed to meeting the needs of our members and the communities we serve.
 - Since, March we have made donations to community based organizations that include basic essentials – diapers, hand sanitizers, face masks, food pantry bags, and toiletries.
 - We also invest in programming that supports food insecurity issues.
 - One of the projects is the ‘Bodega Project,’ which provides Boston-based families in need with much needed vouchers to enable them to buy the food they like at the participating Bodega.
 - A portion of the funds were set aside to support THPP members directly