



Navigator/CAC Statewide Webinar

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Special Enrollment Period

- Following the Biden administration announcement of a nationwide special enrollment period, MNsure will also reopen for a three-month open enrollment period.
- The SEP is for uninsured Minnesotans, or those currently enrolled outside of MNsure. (No re-shopping for those currently enrolled through MNsure.)
- The SEP begins Tuesday, February 16 and ends Monday, May 17. (Note the slightly different dates from the federal SEP.)
- Coverage will begin on the first day of the month following sign-up date. For example, Minnesotans who sign-up for coverage in February will have a March 1 start date, sign-ups in April will have a May 1 start date, and those who sign up by May 17 will have a June 1 coverage start date.

Additional pandemic aid and QHPs



- Economic stimulus payment:
 - Individuals with income up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint returns) will receive a payment of \$600, plus \$600 per qualifying child, with the amount being incrementally reduced to zero for individuals with higher levels of income.
 - This payment is not considered taxable income and consumers should not include it when reporting their income.
 - These payments will not be used when reconciling advanced premium tax credit (APTC) eligibility.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

- Temporary \$300 supplement to unemployment insurance (UI) benefits available through March 14, 2021.
- FPUC payments do not count as income for Medical Assistance (MA) applicants or enrollees. Regular UI benefits continue to count as income for MA.
 - FPUC payments and regular UI payments retained after the month of receipt count as an asset for MA applicants and enrollees with an asset limit.
- FPUC payments and regular UI benefits count in a person's projected annual income (PAI) for MinnesotaCare applicants and enrollees, advance premium tax credits (APTC) and cost-sharing reductions (CSR).

Instructions Added to Online Application

- 'Income information from Electronic Sources' screen: *If any unemployment income shown includes a \$300/week supplemental payment, please remove your unemployment income and then answer "Yes" to having other income. The \$300/week supplemental payment should not be included on this page. You will include it on the "Annual Income" page later in the application.*

The screenshot displays the 'Household Income' section of the Minnesota online application. A message box at the top of the section reads: 'Please review the information below to ensure that it is correct. If you would like to modify the information or you are seasonally employed, please remove it first and then answer Yes to having other income.' Below this, a table titled 'Income Information Retrieved for John' lists the following data:

Name	Income Type	Amount	Frequency	Employer	Action
John Doe	Unemployment	400.00	Weekly	N/A	Remove
John Doe	Wages before taxes	1,000.00	Monthly	Alpha	Remove

Below the table, there is a question: 'Does John have any other income?' with a dropdown menu currently set to 'No'. At the bottom of the section are buttons for 'Save & Exit', 'Back', and 'Next'. The left sidebar shows navigation options: Applicant Details, Household Information, Household Income (selected), Additional Household Information, Summary, and Signature. The top right corner has a 'SIGN OUT' button and links for 'Manage Assister', 'Get Help', and 'Learn More'.

Instructions Added to Online Application

- 'Enter Income Details' screen: *Do not include your \$300/week supplemental payment in the amount of unemployment benefits you enter in the "Amount" section of this page. You will include it on the "Annual Income" page later in the application. Report all other unemployment compensation, including the \$100/week Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation supplemental payment, if you received that payment.*

The screenshot displays the 'Enter Income Details' screen in the Minnesota online application. The page header includes the Minnesota logo and a 'SIGN OUT' button. The main content area is titled 'Enter Income Details' and contains the following instructions:

Please enter Paper's current income details below. If Paper's current income hasn't changed, you can use Paper's most recent tax return as a guide on what types of income to report.

If Paper receives income from more than one source, be sure to select "Yes" on the last question and you will be able to enter additional income records.

Report how much Paper currently receives each week in unemployment. Report the gross amount before any deductions. If Paper is seasonally employed, report the amount of unemployment you expect Paper will receive in the next 12 months. Be sure to select "Yes" on the last question and you will be able to enter a wage record for the amount of wages you expect Paper will receive in the next 12 months.

The form includes the following fields:

- Income Type * (Dropdown menu: Unemployment)
- Is Paper seasonally employed? (Dropdown menu: --Please Select--)
- Amount * (Text input field)
- Frequency * (Dropdown menu: --Please Select--)
- Does Paper have any more income? * (Dropdown menu: --Please Select--)

Buttons for 'Save & Exit', 'Back', and 'Next' are visible at the bottom of the form.

Instructions Added to Online Application

- 'Annual Income' screen: *If you received unemployment income that included a supplemental payment of \$300/week, add it to your projected annual income for 2021. Choose "No" for the question "Is this what you expect applicant's annual income to be?" and update the amount. Include the \$300/week supplemental payment, all other unemployment income, and any other income you will receive in 2021. Do not include the recovery rebate (stimulus payment) received in 2021.*

The screenshot shows the 'Annual Income' screen in the Minnesota online application. The page header includes the 'mi MINNESOTA' logo and a 'SIGN OUT' button. Below the header, there are links for 'Manage Assister', 'Get Help', and 'Learn More'. The main content area is titled 'Annual Income' and contains a message: 'Please review the annual income calculation for Paper.' Below this, there is a user profile for 'Paper'. A blue callout box contains the text: 'We have calculated what we expect Paper's annual income will be for 2020 based on the information you have provided. If you think that the annual income for Paper will be different, you can provide us with a different amount.' Below the callout, it states: 'Based on the information you have provided, the projected annual income for Paper is \$26,000.00'. The question 'Is this what you expect Paper's annual income to be?' has a dropdown menu set to 'No'. Below this, there is a text input field for 'What do you expect Paper's annual income to be?' containing '26,000.00'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Save & Exit', 'Back', and 'Next'.

Other Announcements...

- Reminder that MNsure will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day. That includes the Contact Center, Assister Resource Center and Broker Service Line.
- Annual Assister Open Enrollment survey coming later this month!

Thank You for Attending!

To submit questions via chat, click on the “chat” bubble image on the bottom of your screen to access this feature.

