MHCP Update: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) provides:

- Additional Recovery Rebates
- Unemployment Insurance Extensions

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Recovery Rebates - 3\textsuperscript{rd} Round

- **Direct payments**
  - $1,400 for tax payers with incomes under $75,000
  - $2,800 for joint tax payers with incomes under $150,000
  - $1,400 for each dependent for tax year 2021
  - Phases out for higher income taxpayers at $80,000 / $160,000

- Recovery rebates are not counted as income for Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare

- Recovery rebates are excluded as an asset for 12 months, for Medical Assistance for people age 65 or older, and people who are blind or who have a disability. Counted as an asset if retained beyond 12 months.
Unemployment Compensation Extensions

• Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
  • Specifically for self-employed, independent contractors, and other people who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits or extended unemployment insurance benefits in Minnesota or any other state.

• Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)
  • Provides additional weeks of unemployment insurance once an individual has exhausted regular state unemployment benefits.

• Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)
  • Supplements (add on) other unemployment payments a person is receiving
  • $300/week
  • Specifically excluded from income for Medicaid (under the CARES Act)
MinnesotaCare Premiums

• Section 9661 increases premium tax credits for people who purchase a Qualified Health Plan through the Exchange.

• MinnesotaCare premiums must be no higher than the premium an individual would pay, after a premium tax credit, for a Qualified Health Plan through the Exchange. (42 CFR 600.905)

• We expect to make corresponding reductions to MinnesotaCare premiums for 2021 and 2022.

*Pending Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ confirmation & guidance.
Thank You!

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