## **COVID-19 PROGRAMS FOR ASSISTING FINANCIAL NEED**

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## <u>Unemployment programs</u> (Pandemic programs are Federal funded. All are State administered.)

- Massachusetts standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program:
  - > UI information
  - > File UI claim online
- Coronavirus pandemic unemployment benefits overview
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). Additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits beyond the standard benefit period for UI recipients.
  - > PEUC overview
  - Available through December 31, 2020
  - Application not yet available
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). Up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits for <u>COVID-19 related full or partial job loss</u> for those not covered by standard unemployment insurance, including:
  - > Self-employed
  - Part time
  - Insufficient work history to qualify for benefits
  - > Those who have exhausted Massachusetts standard UI benefits
  - Additional coverage eligibility scenarios

PUA online application

- Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC). \$600 boost in weekly benefits
  - Retroactive to March 29, 2020. Ends July 31, 2020.
  - Benefit is for all standard UI, PEUC and PUA recipients.
  - Must be paid on a weekly (not monthly) basis.
  - ➤ PUC weekly \$600 boost will be automatically added to all eligible payments.
  - No separate application process.