

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION

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POLICY BULLETIN #10-101-ELI

(This Policy Bulletin Replaces PB #10-09-ELI)

EXCLUSION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS SUPPLEMENT FROM FOOD STAMP INCOME

Date: October 1, 2010	Subtopic(s): Unemployment Insurance Benefits
☐ This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.	The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform all Job Center and Non Cash Assistance Food Stamp (NCA FS) Center staff how to budget Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB) for individuals who filed for UIB on or after May 31, 2010. These individuals will not receive the temporary \$25 weekly supplement to UIB, also known as the Federal Additional Compensation (FAC).
See PD #09-18-ELI for information on the FAC.	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which was signed into law on February 17, 2009, initially authorized the FAC to be included in UIB payments through December 31, 2009.
	The Worker, Home Ownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, which was signed into law on November 6, 2009, authorized the extension of the FAC through June 30, 2010, and mandated the exclusion of the FAC as income for Food Stamp (FS) budgeting.
	The Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010, which was signed into law on July 22, 2010, authorized an extension of UIB and also extended the FAC for individuals who already were receiving the FAC and to individuals whose UIB benefits were suspended while awaiting an extension of UIB that was provided by this law. However, individuals who filed for UIB on or after May 31, 2010, are not eligible to receive the FAC.
	The Welfare Management System (WMS) was reprogrammed in February 2010 to exclude the FAC from FS budget calculations by subtracting \$25.00 per week (\$108.33 per month) from income budgeted using Income Source Code 36 (Unemployment Insurance Benefits).

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE? Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax* or fax to: (917) 639-0298 Persons filing for UIB on or after May 31, 2010, will not receive the FAC.

Since WMS will continue to exclude \$108.33 monthly from FS budget calculations that use Income Source Code **36** until the FAC expires in December 2010, it will be necessary to implement a temporary FS budgeting methodology for individuals in receipt of UIB who will not receive the FAC because they <u>filed for UIB</u> on or after May 31, 2010.

See PB #10-87-SYS for POS version 14.2.1 and PB #10-88-SYS for FS POS version 4.2.1.

The UIB response window in the Paperless Office System (POS) was updated to change the "**Start Date**" label to "**Claim Filed Date**". The update occurred effective August 23, 2010, in version 14.2.1 for POS and in version 4.2.1 for FS POS.

The temporary FS budgeting methodology described below will remain in effect until a mass rebudget is done in WMS to remove the automatic exclusion of \$108.33 monthly from the FS budget calculation when the FAC expires in December 2010.

Please see **Attachment A** for the Temporary UIB budgeting for FS in POS.

Job Centers

New temporary FS budgeting methodology

For individuals applying for or in receipt of both Cash Assistance (CA) and FS who filed for UIB on or after May 31, 2010, budget the UIB using Income Source Code **36** with Program Indicator **P** (PA Only) and Income Source Code **99** (Other Unearned Income) with Program Indicator **F** (Food Stamps).

For individuals applying for or in receipt of both CA and FS who currently are receiving the FAC and for those who filed for UIB before May 31, 2010, continue to budget the UIB using only Income Source Code **36** and Program Indicator **B** (Both).

For individuals applying for or in receipt of CA but inactive for FS, continue to budget the UIB using only Income Source Code **36** and Program Indicator **P**.

NCA FS Centers

New temporary FS budgeting methodology

For individuals who filed for UIB on or after May 31, 2010, budget the UIB income using Income Source Code **99**.

For individuals who currently are receiving the FAC and for those who filed for UIB before May 31, 2010, continue to budget the UIB income using Income Source Code **36**.

Effective Immediately

References:

GIS 09 TA/DC011 GIS 10 TA/DC001 GIS10 TA/DC020

Related Items:

PB #10-88-SYS PB #10-87-SYS PD #09-18-ELI

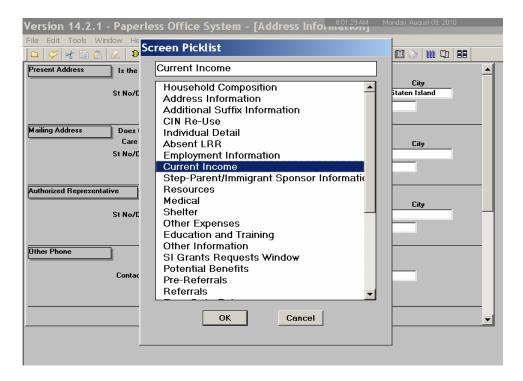
Attachment:

□ Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

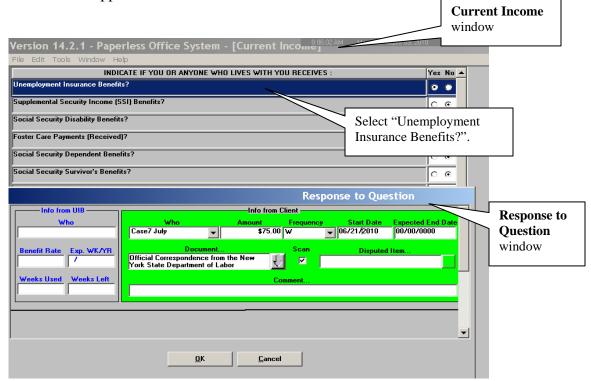
Attachment A Temporary UIB Budgeting for FS in POS

Temporary UIB Budgeting for FS in POS

In POS access the Screen Picklist and select the **Current Income** window.



Click on Unemployment Insurance Benefits and select "Yes". The **Response to Question** window will appear in front of the **Current Income** window.

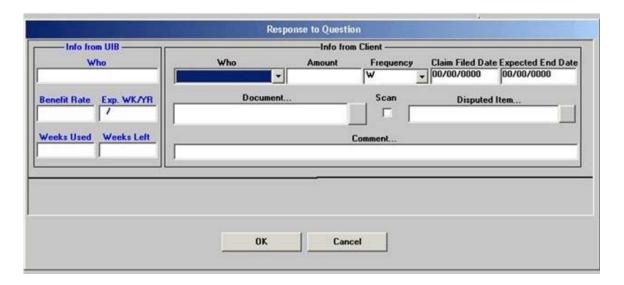


Temporary UIB Budgeting for FS in POS

In the **Response to Question** window, select the Individual from the **Who** drop-down menu and enter the following:

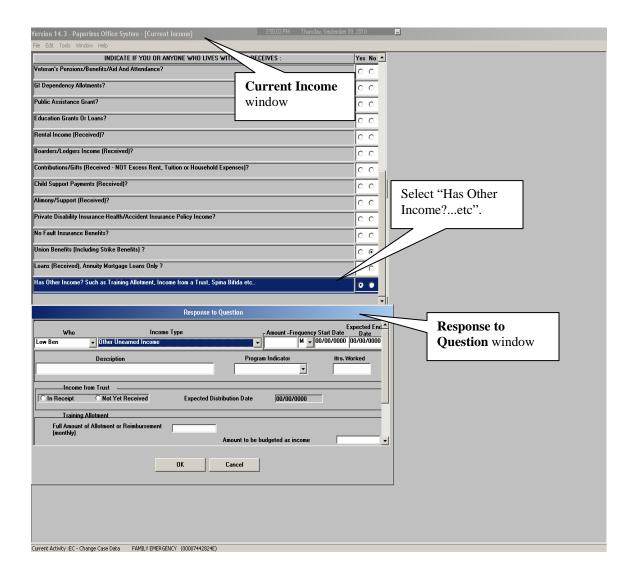
- Amount
- Frequency
- Claim Filed Date
- Document Submitted or Requested

Click the **OK** button.



Temporary UIB Budgeting for FS in POS

Go back to the **Current Income** window and select "Has Other Income? Such as Training Allotment, Income from a Trust, Spina Bifida etc.". Another **Response to Question** window will appear in front of the **Current Income** window.

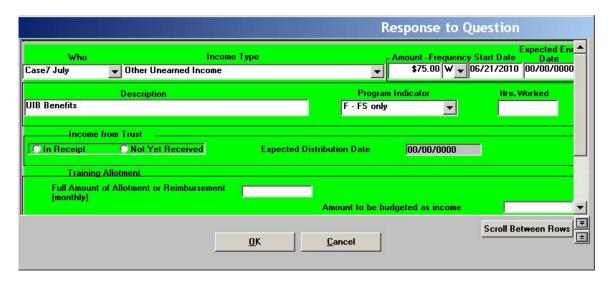


Temporary UIB Budgeting for FS in POS

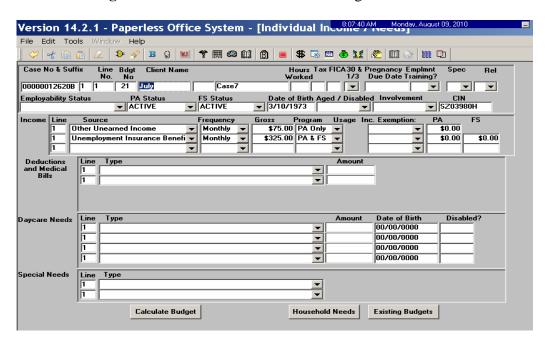
In the **Response to Question** window, select the Individual from the **Who** drop-down menu and enter the following:

- Amount
- Frequency
- Start date
- Description
- Program Indicator (F FS only)

Click the **OK** button.



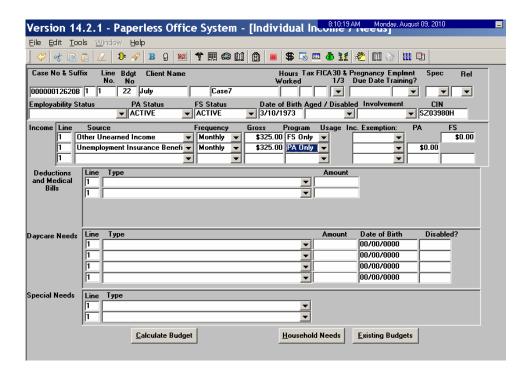
Go to the **Budget** window and select "Calculate Budget".



Temporary UIB Budgeting for FS in POS

To correctly process the budget, select the following:

- On the individual line of the person receiving UIB, change the program for UIB to "PA Only".
- On the same individual line, change the program for "Other Unearned Income" to "FS Only".



Temporary UIB Budgeting for FS in POS

On the individual line in WMS, the unearned income from POS will be reflected on the WMS budget correctly.

