



C.A.R.E.S. State Programs for Family Child Care

Unemployment Benefits – Administered through your state unemployment office

Paid unemployment benefits begin if you were unemployed or partly unemployed after January 27th.

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHEN

- Your state government requires you to shut down your program
- You lose income because parents are not bringing their child to your program
- You have been diagnosed with the virus or are experiencing symptoms and are seeking a medical diagnosis
- A member of your household has been diagnosed with the virus
- You are providing care for a family member or household member who has been diagnosed with the virus
- “A child or other person in the household for which the individual has primary caregiving responsibility is unable to attend school or another facility that is closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency and such school or facility care is required for the individual to work”
- You have been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to the virus

THINGS TO KNOW

Benefits continue until the end of the year. The maximum number of weeks you can claim unemployment benefits is 39 weeks.

Each state sets its own rules about how much you can receive in unemployment benefits

The C.A.R.E.S. Act increases your state benefits by \$600 a week.

Your state may offer family child care providers some state unemployment benefits or other direct benefits. Check with your governor’s office or your state representative.

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