

8-12-21 Unemployment

Since Louisiana ended the PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) most claims are not paying out at all anymore. Please see this [article](#) from the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

If you are still unemployed, you MAY need to file a new claim that will then have to go through the process of it getting reviewed and released. These claims will be based on work from April 2020 – March 2021.

To determine if you need to file a new claim, go to your claim summary. Scroll all the way down to the bottom and see what the work dates are for your claim history. If they only include time from 2019 and NOTHING from 2020, then you need to file a new claim. If you have not worked since the shutdown in March 2020, then you most likely will not qualify for any unemployment, but you can try. Remember, the Union is NOT your employer you need the payroll companies for most cases, but occasionally it will ask for the production company. Productions from the same payroll company can be lumped together. Everything from the filing a claim should still hold true, just skip all the COVID parts of the instructions. The filing instruction can be found at the [Unemployment Portal](#).

YES, it would have been nice for them to tell us this before, they cut off payments, but it didn't happen. Please thank your legislators for this catastrophe as they thought it was the only way to get people to go back to work. Legislators fault, not LWC. Don't yell at LWC, it will just make them not want to help you.

National Benefits Fund www.iatsenbf.org

Everyone should have received this email below my signature today from the National Benefits Fund. If you didn't receive it, PLEASE go look in your spam / junk folder. Emails from the National Benefits Fund are as important as the ones you get from the local.

What does this mean for you? Watch your mail and email for notices about your CAPP account statements. They should be coming out by the end of next week. That will determine what category you fall into. We are all in **Health Plan C**. There is not an option for Plan A or Triple S with the contracts you work under.

If you are working and have money in your CAPP account, use of the COBRA subsidy probably does not apply to you, but there are so many "it depends" which makes a simple answer almost impossible. HOWEVER, You should still pay attention to ALL the documentation coming out next week so you can take action if you need to. Don't miss a deadline. It creates a ton of work for everyone and it is not always fixable.

If you cannot get logged into your www.iatsenbf.org account, please email benefits@iatse478.org and I can see if there are issues with your account like an old email or mailing address. Then we can work to get you access to the account. There are certain things we can see from here, but the best information is going to come from logging into your account.

Missing an insurance card, you can find a link to it on the NBF page. There are also links to all the providers on the Local 478 [Benefits](#) Page. To get logged in, you usually need your Social or your NBF number as your employee number. Download the apps so you always have access to your coverage.

MRP Health Reimbursements

Do you have out of pocket expenses like co-pays or deductibles that you need reimbursed for? Use this [form](#) to file for an MRP reimbursement. When you log into www.iatsenbf.org, there is a box in the top left of the page under Health that says amount eligible for MRP reimbursement. Fill out the form, collect the backup documents, and get it back to us at the local and we can review it before you submit it benefits@iatse478.org. This [guidebook](#) helps detail what can and cannot be reimbursed.

New Member Relations Specialist

We have hired a new Member Relations Specialist. Her name is Trucetia Starks and she will start full time on Monday, August 23rd. Please be gentle with her while we teach her all about our plans. This COBRA part is extra crazy. Please reach her at benefits@iatse478.org.