

On August 8, 2020, President Trump issued an Executive Order authorizing additional payments for eligible individuals receiving unemployment benefits. On August 15, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Missouri's application to participate in the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program, making Missouri one of the first states in the nation to receive approval under the program. Missourians whose unemployment is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and are eligible for at least \$100 per week of unemployment benefits, may qualify for the additional weekly benefits retroactive to the week ending August 1, 2020. While awaiting additional guidance from FEMA and the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Missouri will continue as expeditiously as possible to implement the LWA program for eligible unemployed Missourians to be able to receive the additional benefits as soon as possible. We will update our website as more information becomes available, including any additional eligibility requirements and timelines for payment. Our unemployment call agents are not able to provide any additional information at this time.