

# Benefits Available in December 2020

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Individuals, families, and all household types can apply for these ongoing benefits and one-time help.

## Did you lose income due to COVID?

### Unemployment Compensation (UC)

Traditional program for W-2 workers with a significant work history – apply now if you lost your job during 2020 – you may be eligible for back months of benefits. Visit [www.uc.pa.gov](http://www.uc.pa.gov)

Need help applying?  
Call the Philadelphia Legal Assistance  
hotline: 215-999-6910

### Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

New program for those who don't qualify for UC, such as 1099 & gig workers, people who are self-employed, have limited recent work history, or who have no recent work history but can't start a job due to COVID, etc. – apply now if you lost your job during 2020 – you may be eligible for back months of benefits. Visit [www.cutt.ly/PAunemployment](http://www.cutt.ly/PAunemployment)

## Do you need help with household costs?

### LIHEAP

Grants of up to \$1000 to help low income families pay heating bills. The cash grants are one-time payments made directly to the utility or fuel vendor. Households facing immediate heat shut-off may also qualify for LIHEAP Recovery Crisis grants- Visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

### LIHEAP Recovery Crisis

Grants of up to \$800 paid directly to utility or fuel vendor for people behind on heating or electric bills or in need of repairs for heaters or other energy equipment. Visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

### Homeowner's Assistance

Answer a few questions to get a list of programs you may be eligible for, including repair, foreclosure, and utility assistance. Visit [www.cutt.ly/DPDhousingbenefit](http://www.cutt.ly/DPDhousingbenefit)

## Do you need food assistance?

### SNAP

Ongoing monthly grant for food costs. Visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

For application help call BenePhilly at  
833-373-5868

## Do you need health care?

### Affordable Care Act Coverage

Open enrollment is open through January 15, 2021 for health insurance through Pennie, PA's official marketplace – financial assistance is available to most people who enroll. Visit [www.pennie.com](http://www.pennie.com)

### Medical Assistance (MA)

Free or very low-cost health insurance. Visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

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Additional help is available for families with children and pregnant women.

## Did you lose income due to COVID?

### TANF Diversion Program

One-time cash grant equal to 1-3 months of TANF grant amount for a person living with their child or pregnant, with very little income, and a recent work history in the past 180 days (includes training programs).

Visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)

## Do you need help with household costs?

### TANF

Ongoing cash grant to support families with children/pregnant people with very little income; work requirements currently not being enforced during the pandemic.

Visit [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us)



**TANF and TANF Diversion** have eligibility restrictions related to unresolved probation or parole violations, outstanding warrants, and unpaid fines, court costs, or restitution. For help with payment plans for fines, **call Community Legal Services at 215-981-3700**. You can also call Community Legal Services for help with **immigration status** affecting your benefits eligibility.

## Do you need food assistance?

### WIC

Provides pregnant women, parents, or caregivers of children under age 5 with healthy foods, nutrition education, and breastfeeding support.

Call **North Inc. at 215-978-6100 x38** or email [phillyWIC@northwic.org](mailto:phillyWIC@northwic.org) with your name and phone number.

## Do you need health care?

### CHIP

Provides health insurance to any child in Pennsylvania, with free and low-cost coverage available to low income families.

Visit [www.chipcoverspakids.com](http://www.chipcoverspakids.com)