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P-2423 Processing Eligibility Decisions (Continued)J. Pursuing other Types of Income (Rule M128)

As a condition of health care eligibility, applicants and recipients must take all necessary steps to obtain income they may be entitled to – including applying for unemployment compensation.

1) Applications and Reviews

When individuals are applying for health care benefits or are due for review, they must apply for unemployment benefits if:

- their application form does not indicate they are currently working (including self-employment), and
- the loss of private insurance (LOSS) question on the application indicates they lost insurance due to a job loss within the past 12 months.

2) Individuals Who do not Need to Apply for Unemployment Compensation

1. Teachers who will be returning to their job in the next school year.
2. Individuals who are unavailable for work for ANY reason (including stay-at-home parent or for medical reasons).
3. Individuals who are no longer self-employed (ie: their business closed).

3) Reported Job Loss

Individuals receiving health care must apply for unemployment benefits when they report their job has ended, UNLESS they already have another job or meet one of the exception criteria listed above.

4) Referral to Department of Labor

When individuals need to apply for unemployment benefits, please use the following text in your verification request notice:

You must apply for unemployment benefits by calling Department of Labor at 1-877-214-3330. Please let us know when you have done so.

*Reminder: Applicants receive two verification request notices (if needed); active recipients receive only one.