



## Employment Security Department

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Dear Employer,

### **Look for your quarterly bill and benefit charge details in August**

Normally, we would send your quarterly bill and benefit charge details for the second quarter of 2020 this weekend, July 17. We have delayed them because we need more time to make your statement as accurate as possible.

### **Good news: We're preparing to implement a federal law that cuts your bill in half**

On July 9, Congress unanimously passed the [Protecting Nonprofits from Catastrophic Cash Flow Strain Act of 2020](#) and we anticipate that the President will sign it. Under this new law, we will bill you for only half of your 2020 benefit charges paid in part of quarter one and in all remaining quarters.

As many of you know, the previously passed [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) gave you that same 50 percent refund. But it required you to pay 100 percent of your billed benefits before we could give you a refund for half. The new law doesn't require you to pay 100 percent first.

In any quarter, you don't need to do anything to get the refund. We will automatically issue you a refund or a credit.

### **We'll send you monthly statements, quarterly bills**

Starting this August, we'll send your benefit charge details monthly instead of quarterly — at least through the end of the year. That way you'll have the most accurate and up-to-date information about your account. We will continue to bill you quarterly. We'll send your second quarter statement and bill in August, and your bill will be due 30 days after you receive it.

### **For the first quarter**

Since the new law applies only to benefits paid from March 15 through Dec. 26, 2020, the refund for first quarter will be 50 percent of benefit charges paid from March 15 to 31.

- **If you already paid your first quarter bill in full and have no benefit charges in quarter two**  
We will automatically send you a refund by check. It will come separately from your statements. We'll start processing refunds in August.
- **If you already paid your first quarter bill in full and do have benefit charges in quarter two**  
We will credit your account on your next statement.
- **If you have not paid your entire first quarter bill yet**  
We will send you a new bill for the correct amount.

### More details about your statement

- Your quarter one bill might have included waiting week benefit charges we paid for your employees. If so, we will credit you for those charges on your next statement. As per the CARES Act, the federal government currently pays 100% for those charges.
- If you have not yet paid your quarter one bill and it now includes penalties and interest, we will recalculate the penalties and interest to a lower amount.
- If you participate in the [SharedWork Program](#), we will remove from your statement any charges for weeks your employees were enrolled in your SharedWork plan. As per the CARES Act, the federal government currently pays 100% for those charges, too.

### We're also clearing your account of imposter fraud

If you submitted to us a list of your employees who are victims of imposter fraud, thank you! We're processing what you submitted. Please don't resubmit the list.

Unemployment imposter fraud is when someone illegally applies for unemployment benefits using stolen personal information. Please know that **you are not responsible for benefit charges on these claims.**

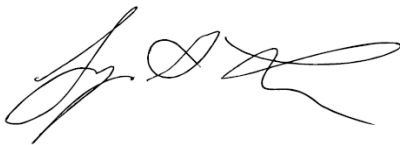
**Important! Action requested:** Please check your statement and follow the instructions in the **Employers** section of [this secure page](#) if you see an employee who should not be on your statement and who you haven't already reported to us.

We will produce a new annual benefit charge report that accounts for and excludes all 2020 imposter fraud claims.

### Questions?

We understand you might be worried about paying your bill when the economy has been so uncertain. We hope the information in this letter helps to ease some anxiety. If you have questions about this letter, please reach out to our Account Management Center staff. Call them at 855-829-9243 or send an email to [olympiaAMC@esd.wa.gov](mailto:olympiaAMC@esd.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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