Emergency expansions to unemployment insurance (UI) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have provided crucial support to workers across the country. With a major component of the expansions—an additional $600 in weekly benefits—having lapsed at the end of July, lawmakers are in disagreement about how to balance financial relief with rebuilding the labor market and continue to grapple with what form UI should take going forward. The situation is further complicated by administrative challenges causing benefit delays and limiting options for benefit design.

Join the Bipartisan Policy Center, the National Employment Law Project, and the American Action Forum for a discussion on the role of UI in the next phase of response to the nation’s public health and economic crisis and the need for modernization as part of an eventual recovery.

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