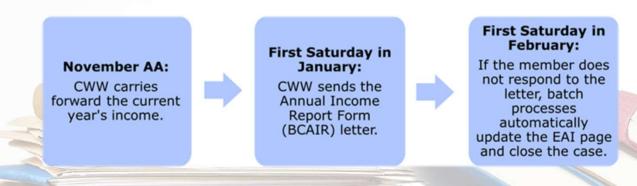
# Gap Filling Refresher



#### **General Gap Filling Info**

- Only for BC+ tested at 100% of FPL (MAGA/MAGS/MAGN/etc.)
   when an AG is over 100% of FPL monthly.
- For most cases, only Validation is needed. Verification is ONLY required when we are missing info, or info is questionable.
- Gap Filling is systematically reviewed every calendar year.
  - Actions taken by system include:



#### **Validation**

Gap filling determinations use the **expected** annual income for the current calendar year. Since the client may not have yet received the income, documentation of this income may be difficult or impossible to obtain at the time of application or change report. Verification of expected annual income is not required. However, the expected annual income reported by the applicant or member must be **validated** by the agency using all available information.

#### Reminders about using validation:

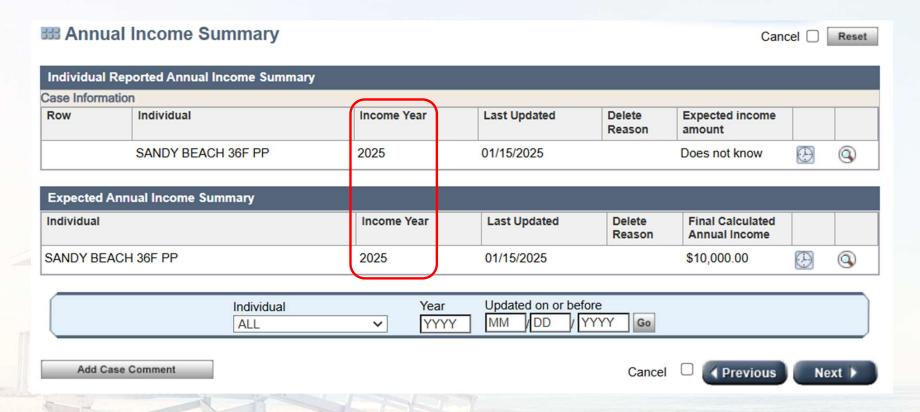
- Only for Gap Filling determinations. Does not apply to other programs and/or determinations.
- Information and sources used to validate must be documented in the appropriate field on the
  Expected Annual Income (EAI) page and case comments. If you exceed the 240-character
  maximum available on EAI page, please make a separate, flagged case comment with the relevant
  information, and comment "See flagged case comment by X\*\*\*\*\* on MM/DD/YYYY for validation
  details"
- Once validated, information is used for the calendar year and should be reviewed/updated when changes to income or deductions are reported or found.

## Examples of sources for Validation

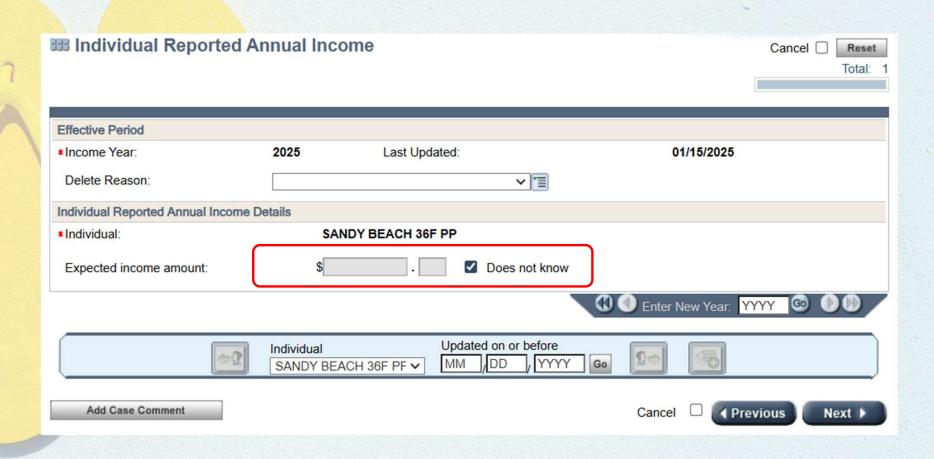
- · Client reported income
- · SWICA
- · FDSH
- · DX UIB/UC info
- · DX SOLQ info
- Letters/statements from clients
   or employers regarding
   seasonality
- Patterns of seasonality historically established
- Income verification available in ECF

Validated amounts should always reasonably align with client reported income. If we have unreported income sources found, or amounts do not align, we should be attempting to clarify with the client. If we are unable to do so, we should ask for verification

#### Annual Income Summary page

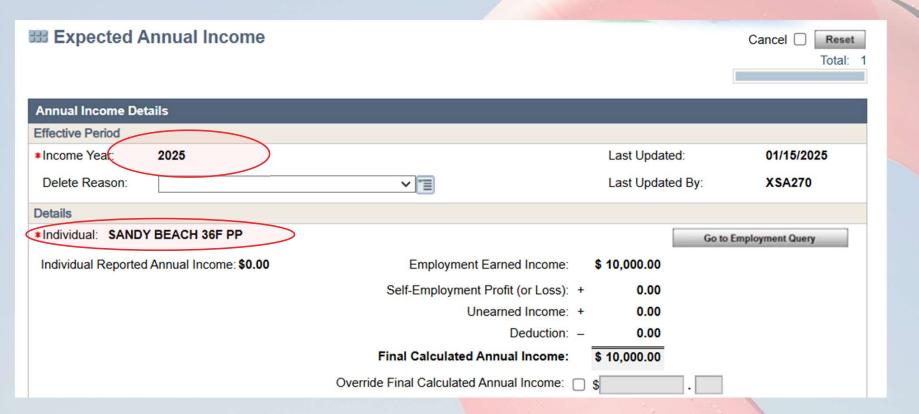


#### Individual Reported Annual Income page

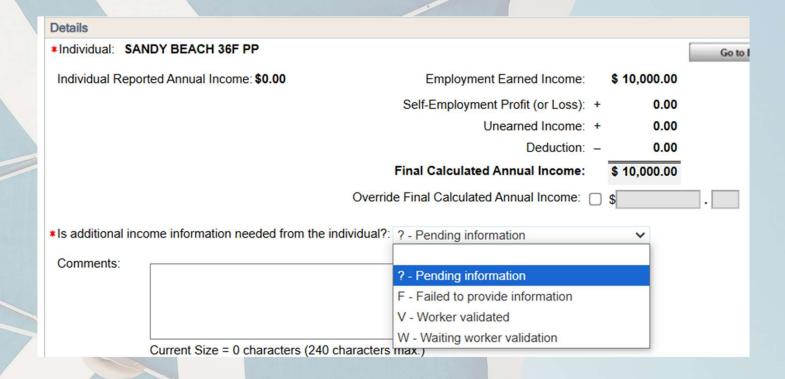


#### EAI page

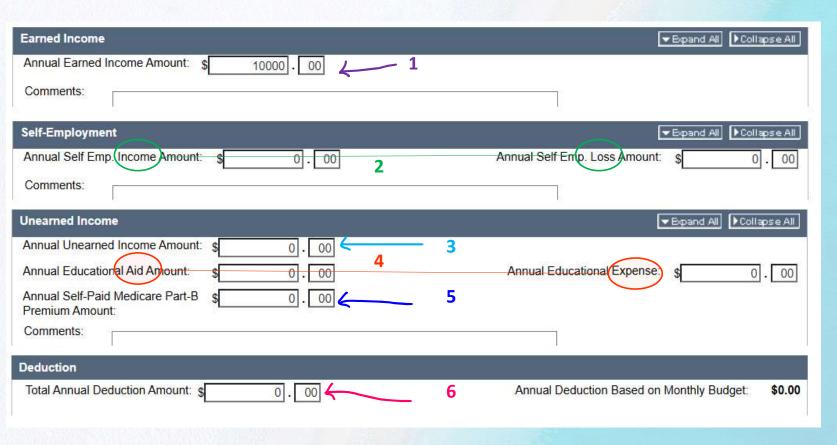




#### Verification codes



### Income/Deduction field types



- 1. Enter **all** countable earned income except SEI, including In-kind
- 2. Enter counted SEI income/loss in **ONE** field.
- 3. Enter **all** countable unearned income, except educational aid/expenses
- 4. Enter **BOTH** fields, countable aid and countable expenses
- 5. Enter amount **NOT** paid by **MSP**
- 6. Should include **all** deductions from BC + tax deductions pages

## DX info and totals

	Income Earned	Income A	mount: \$ 18000 . 00					All ▶Collapse All			
Comments:		01/15/2	01/15/2025 - Client reported income of \$1,500/month for all 12 months used as projected annual income - XSA270								
		Current	Size = 50 characters (240 characte	rs max.)							
▼ Indiv	idual Re	ported En	nployment Income Details								
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Details Seq			Person/Organization Name	Monthly In-			Months Counted	Expected Annua Income			
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				No data found.			1 33				

#### BC+ budget page



#### Income Eligibility Determination

Total Countable Income - Monthly

Group 1 Countable Income: \$ 1,500.00

Assistance Group Countable Income: \$ 1,500.00

Total Countable Income - Annual

Group 1 Countable Annual Income: \$10,000.00
Assistance Group Countable Annual Income: \$10,000.00

Income Limits

Countable Income FPL: 419.52 Gap Filling Annual Income Limit: \$15,060

Countable Annual Income FPL: 66.40%

Eligibility Test FPL: 100.00% Income Limit: \$1,255.00

Premium Requirement Limit FPL: 50.00% Premium Requirement Income Limit: \$627.50

# Pending EAI - VCL types and comments

**Important note from your agency:** Please provide verification of your employment with Walmart. Please contact our agency as listed on page one if you have any questions.

Action	Who	Program(s)	Due Date
You need to give us more information about your expected annual income for 2025.	SANDY	BadgerCare Plus	February 6, 2025

VCL text MUST be added specifying what information is needed

? On the EAI page ensures VCL correctly shows verification is needed and the due date

W on the EAI
page will
generate a VCL
advising the
client NO
ACTION is
needed

#### For your information (no action needed)

Your agency is checking other sources for the information listed below. You do not have to do anything at this time. If we cannot get the information from other sources, you will get a letter telling you what you need to do.

Agency Task	Who	Program(s)
Your agency is reviewing your information to see if you meet the program's annual income rules.	SANDY	BadgerCare Plus

#### **Alerts**

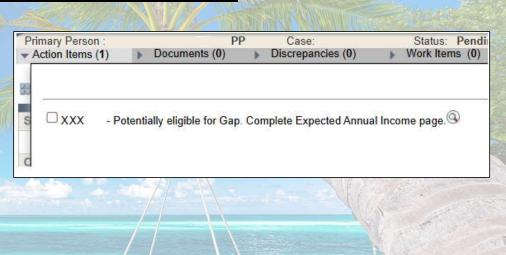
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603 Potentially eligible for Gap 604 Potentially eligible for Gap

These alerts generate AFTER eligibility is run, either by CWW or a worker, when a case has missing or incomplete information to determine Gap Filling on the EAI page(s). They can sometimes also generate after you've already updated the EAI page. You MUST Check the EAI page if this alert appears and update the information and verification code. When this alert generates the verification field systematically updates to W, which will cause an incorrect VCL to generate, possibly delaying or incorrectly denying benefits.

It's always best practice to check to make sure all actionable alerts are cleared before you leave a case.



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### Important notes

UC/UIB – Yearly amount should never exceed the amount issued YTD PLUS the amount in "Left" as the benefits will exhaust/end once this amount is reached.

Depending on timing it is possible for the estimated annual amount to be less.

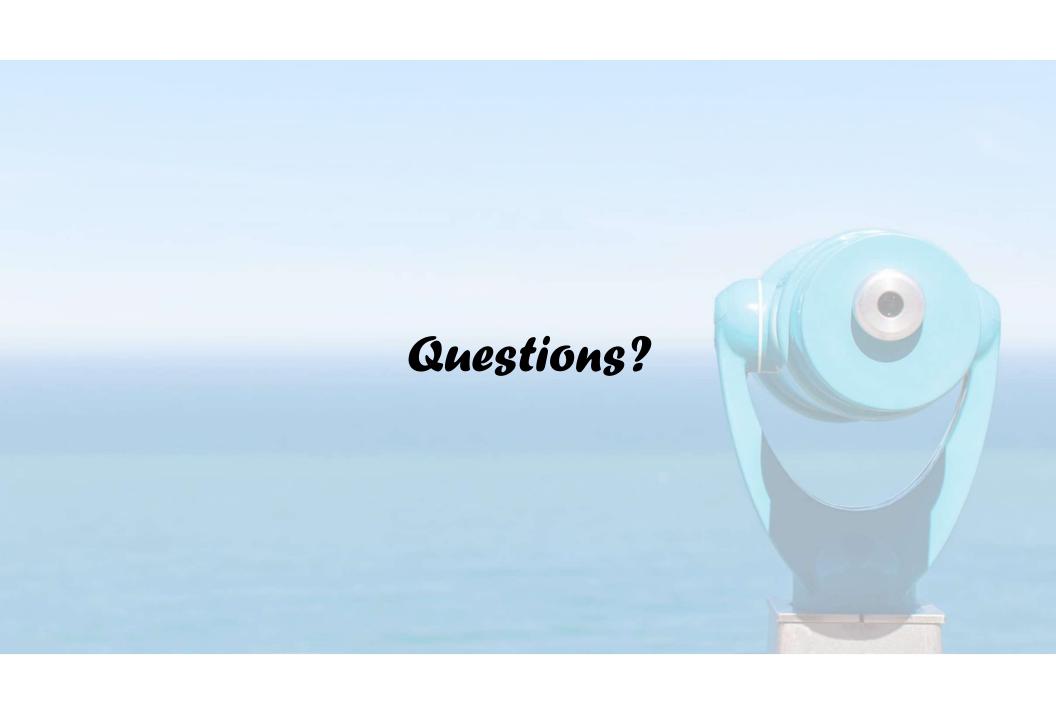
Maximum Benefit Amount: \$3848.00

Left:

\$3782.00

In general, the EAI page should **never** show \$0 for all adults. An AG cannot have income exceeding 100% of FPL for the month AND have \$0 for the year.

Depending on the time of year you are processing Gap info, you will have more or less actual YTD income information available. Whenever possible, we should use actual income. Estimated or Projected income should be used for future months.



### Process/Policy References and Resources

- BC+ Handbook sections
  - 16.9 General gap filling policy
  - 25.8.1 Backdated Eligibility rules
  - 18.1.1 No extensions for gap eligible AGs
  - 9.9.6 Using validation for gap filling instead of verification
- Process Help sections
  - 14.1 Completing EAI pages
  - 16.4 Prospective budgeting and best estimates
- Capital Consortium website
  - Trainings/QC>Past Trainings>Gap fill training
- Lead/Help Queue/PRT/Supervisor/DHS
  - Please consult a lead/supervisor if you have policy questions. They may escalate your question to DHS if needed.