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DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

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## **Dependency Benefits Information**

A claimant may be eligible for dependency benefits for each benefit week of an additional sum of \$15 for each minor child not to exceed a total of \$50. The child must be supported mainly or wholly by the claimant and be

- Less than 18 years of age and unmarried; or
- Less than 18 years of age and in the claimant's custody pending adoption; or
- Less than 18 years of age and for whom the claimant is ordered by the court to contribute to the child's support and for whom no other person is receiving allowances for this child.

The amount of the dependency benefits determined at the start of the claim will not be reduced for the rest of the benefit year unless it is determined that the information is incorrect or that the dependency benefits should transfer from one parent to another. If both the husband and wife receive benefits with respect to a week of unemployment, only one of them is entitled to a dependency benefit with respect to a child. If both parents are claiming benefits, but are separated/divorced, the parent with whom the child lives will be entitled to the dependency benefit. If the parents live together, the first parent to file for benefits will claim the dependency benefit.

The Agency will conduct random accuracy audits of claims for dependent benefits and claimants may be required to submit documentation satisfactory to establish the existence of the claimed dependent. The Agency will determine if the documentation establishes eligibility. An appointed guardian of a dependent child as proven by court records may be paid dependency benefits.

The best way to provide this information is online at <https://ui.tn.gov/> click on "View Benefits/Update Information", click "Continue", complete Log In Screen, click "Login" and follow prompts to provide dependent information. It is important to carefully read the definition of a dependent before typing in the number of dependents.

Claimants can expect to receive their first Dependents Allowance Benefits after the weekly certification which follows the submission of the Dependent Allowance information.