

~~(iii) for any week in which an unemployment benefit is not payable to the claimant.~~

~~(2) Benefits and the allowance under this section in any 1 week may not exceed the highest weekly benefit amount in the schedule of benefits.~~

~~(e) (1) The number of a claimant's dependents shall be determined as of the 1st day of the benefit year and shall be fixed for the duration of the benefit year.~~

~~(2) After an individual has been determined to be a dependent of a claimant, the individual may not be considered to be a dependent of any other claimant whose benefit year starts within 1 year after the determination.~~

~~(d) In the computation of a contribution rate under Part II of Subtitle 6 of this title, an allowance for a dependent shall be considered a benefit.~~

~~(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, an allowance for a dependent may not be deducted from a claimant's benefit account.]~~

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(c) A self-employment assistance allowance is payable on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as regular unemployment insurance benefits except that:

(1) the requirements of § 8-903 of this title relating to availability for work and actively seeking work are not applicable to the individual;

(2) the requirements of § 8-1005 of this title relating to refusal to accept referrals or offers of suitable work are not applicable to the individual;

(3) the provisions of § 8-803(d) of this title concerning subtracting any wages in excess of [\$35] ~~\$60~~ \$70 will not apply to the individual;

(4) an individual will be considered unemployed for the purposes of § 8-801 of this title; and

(5) an individual who fails to participate in self-employment activities or who fails to actively engage on a full-time basis in activities, which may include training, related to establishing a business and becoming self-employed is denied for the week in which the failure occurs.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 8-805 through 8-809, respectively of Article Labor and Employment of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8-804 through 8-808, respectively.~~

~~SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to Section 8-803(d) shall be effective for unemployment insurance benefit weekly claims which are filed for weeks ending on or after October 5, 1996.~~

~~SECTION 4. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to Section 8-804 shall be effective for individuals filing new claims establishing a new benefit year on or after October 6, 1996.~~