Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance Transitions to Direct Deposit

Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance (DUI) is offering a new UI benefit payment method, direct deposit, and phasing out its debit card payment method. With direct deposit, benefit payments will be electronically transferred into a claimant’s personal checking or savings account.

**Why Choose Direct Deposit?**

- More secure method than debit card or check. Eliminates risk of lost or stolen debit card or check.
- Most financial institutions accept direct deposit.
- Claimants can use their preferred savings or checking account to access benefit payments.

**To Enroll in Direct Deposit:**

- Log in to BEACON 2.0 or the mobile app.
- Select a new payment method from the pop-up window.
- Enter your account and routing numbers for direct deposit. You may need to verify your account with a micro deposit process.

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**Dates:**

- **April 30, 2021**: Last day new debit cards are issued and payments issued by debit card.
- **May 21, 2021**: All claimants begin receiving payment by direct deposit or check only.
- **May 24, 2021**: Last day for claimants to withdraw, transfer, or use any remaining funds on their benefit debit cards.
- **January 31, 2022**: All claimants are required to select direct deposit or check as their payment method.
- **February 1, 2022**: All debit cards deactivated.