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POLICY BULLETIN #14-02-ELI

EXPIRATION OF THE EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (EUC) PROGRAM

Date: January 3, 2014	Subtopic(s): Unemployment Insurance Benefits
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center staff that the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program which provided unemployment benefits to individuals who already collected all regular State unemployment insurance benefits (UIB) for which they were eligible, expired on January 1, 2014.</p> <p>In New York State (NYS), individuals were eligible for EUC after they exhausted their 26 weeks of regular UIB.</p> <p>Note: Individuals receiving regular UIB will not have any change in their benefit eligibility.</p> <p>The last payable week of EUC benefits in NYS was for the week ending December 29, 2013. There is no phase out period for EUC payments. All EUC payments ceased when the program ended.</p> <p>Individuals who were in receipt of EUC benefits can continue to claim weekly benefits after the week ending December 29, 2013, but EUC payments will not be made unless the federal government enacts legislation to extend those benefits.</p> <p>All individuals in NYS whose EUC benefits expired after payment for the week ending December 29, 2013, were mailed a letter from the New York State (NYS) Department of Labor (DOL) entitled Emergency Unemployment Compensation Expiration (See Attachment A for a sample of the letter from the NYS DOL). For verification purposes, this letter is acceptable proof of expiration of EUC payments for the individual whose name appears on the letter.</p>

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?
Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or
send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax* or fax to: (917) 639-0298

If a Cash Assistance or SNAP participant reports that the extended unemployment benefits for any household member has expired, the Job Opportunity Specialist (JOS)/Worker should ask the participant if the household member received a letter from the NYS DOL regarding the termination of his/her EUC benefits.

If the participant has a copy of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Expiration letter from the NYS DOL, he/she should be informed to submit the letter for verification of terminated benefits. When the JOS/Worker receives the letter, he/she must calculate, save, and authorize a new budget to remove the UIB income.

If the participant does not have a copy of the letter from the NYS DOL, the JOS/Worker should:

- inform the participant to obtain a copy of the ledger by calling the NYS DOL at **888-209-8124** or by going online at www.labor.ny.gov; and
- advise the participant that the NYS DOL offices no longer provide verification of the expiration of unemployment insurance benefits.

Note: SNAP only participants who are currently exempt from the SNAP work rules due to the receipt of UIB, must have their employability status re-evaluated. If the re-evaluation results in the individual becoming an Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD), discuss the ABAWD eligibility rules with the participant.

Effective Immediately

Reference:


GIS TA/DC056

Attachment:

Attachment A New York State Department of Labor Emergency Unemployment Compensation Expiration

The ledger is the usual document proving receipt or termination of UIB.

See Form **W-138G** for the SNAP Work Rules and Exemptions Desk Guide.

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

Attachment A



New York State Department of Labor
PO Box 15130
Albany, NY 12212-5130

Notice Mail Date: December 2013

Claimant Name
Claimant Address
Claimant Address

Dear Claimant First Name MI Last Name:

SUBJECT: Emergency Unemployment Compensation Expiration

Unless the U.S. Congress extends Unemployment Insurance Benefits, all Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) will end on December 29, 2013. The last week you can claim Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) is the week ending Sunday, December 29, 2013.

Until these benefits end, please continue to claim weekly benefits as you usually do. Visit our Unemployment Assistance page at www.labor.ny.gov for:

- Details on EUC, including an explanation of deadlines
- Access to view and print your benefit payment history

The New York State Department of Labor can help you find a job. We urge you to visit your local New York State Career Center right away. To find the Career Center closest to you, visit our web site at www.labor.ny.gov or call 1-888-4-NYSDOL toll free. Our Career Center staff can review your needs and help you:

- Prepare or revise a resume
- Explore the job market
- Apply for jobs
- Plan your career
- Revise your job search strategy
- Upgrade your skills

We also urge you to take advantage of our **Skills Matching and Referral Technology (SMART)**. This free resume-matching service will automatically look for and e-mail new job leads to you. To get started, e-mail us at DEWS.ReEmploy@labor.ny.gov. Include your full name, address and phone, and attach your resume. To find out more about SMART and other services we offer, please visit www.labor.ny.gov.

Please also check our **Jobs Express** website at www.labor.ny.gov. Recently, more than 75,000 job openings were listed in every field, at every pay scale. The number of jobs listed on Jobs Express has been steadily increasing in recent months, as has hiring.

You may also qualify for temporary aid. The myBenefits.ny.gov website is a fast and easy way to find out about many helpful programs and how to apply for them. These include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps), Medicaid, Family Health Plus, Child Health Plus, Temporary Assistance, and free or reduced-price school lunches. If you are currently participating in any of these programs, tell your local Department of Social Services when your unemployment benefits run out.

We recognize that being unemployed is very stressful for you and your family. We hope you will let us help you with your job search.