



## **Information for Claimants receiving Unemployment Insurance Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) and State Extended Benefits (SEB)**

*Please be aware that program details are subject to change at any time based on certain economic conditions, and this information will be updated as changes occur.*

President Obama signed Public Law 112-96 on February 22, 2012, which provided for the continuation of both the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program (EUC) and the State Extended Benefits Program (SEB). The law extended both programs until January 2, 2013. The primary changes to the EUC and SEB programs are defined below by program type. Please review this carefully as the changes may affect you directly regarding the amount and length of benefits you are eligible to receive.

### **What this means for you if you are collecting EUC:**

- The time allowed to pay benefits has been extended to December 29, 2012; **no additional funds have been added.**
- The EUC program will no longer have a phase out period. Even if you have a balance remaining on an EUC claim, benefits cannot be paid once the program ends. The last payable week is December 29, 2012.
- Changes have been made to the EUC program's Tier structure that make availability of each Tier dependent on a Nevada's total unemployment rate. If Nevada's unemployment rate drops below a certain percentage and a Tier must be discontinued, individuals currently receiving benefits from that Tier will still be allowed to exhaust the balance.
- Provisions are also included for further change or discontinuation of Tiers based on a state's total unemployment rate.
  - An individual's eligibility will not change mid-Tier; those already on a particular Tier prior to September 2, 2012, will receive the amount of the original monetary determination, and will transition to the revised number of weeks for subsequent Tiers.
- Effective September 2, 2012, the maximum number of weeks available on each Tier will be lowered. Please see the Tier Structure chart below regarding the revised maximum benefits.

## Unemployment Benefit Tier Structure Changes

TIER	Amounts Currently Payable on EUC	Amounts payable on EUC as of September 2, 2012
Tier 1	pays up to 20 weeks of benefits or 80% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.	pays up to 14 weeks of benefits or 54% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.
TIER 2	pays up to 14 weeks of benefits or 54% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.	pays up to 14 weeks of benefits or 54% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.
Tier 3	pays up to 13 weeks of benefits or 50% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.	pays up to 9 weeks of benefits or 35% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.
Tier 4	pays up to 6 weeks of benefits or 24% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.	pays up to 10 weeks of benefits or 39% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.
<b>Maximum Amount Payable</b>	This equals a total of up to 53 weeks or 208% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.	This equals a total of up to 47 weeks or 182% of your regular UI claim, whichever is less.

- **Changes to work search requirements for all EUC recipients**
  - To be eligible for any type of UI benefits, a person must be able, available, and actively seeking work, and must be registered with Employment Services. Public Law 112-96 defines more in-depth requirements for EUC recipients (or the long-term unemployed). All individuals receiving benefits must engage in a systematic work search, with the number of minimum required contacts being based on the occupation the person is seeking. A written work search record must be maintained, and an individual must submit his or her work search record for review when requested.
  
- **New EUC recipients and those transitioning from Tier I to Tier II after March 23, 2012 must participate in Reemployment Services:**
  - Currently individuals filing a regular UI claim are randomly selected for participation in Reemployment Services and Work Search Reviews. With the enactment of Public Law 112-96 **all** individuals filing new EUC claims, or transitioning from EUC Tier I to Tier II **must** participate in Reemployment Eligibility Assessment/ Reemployment Services (REA/RES) programs, if they have not yet received such services. If selected to participate in these services and an individual fails to participate in the service, benefits must be denied.

Basic Services Include:

- Provide labor market and career information
- Skills Assessment
- Informing Claimants of services available through one-stop career centers
- Review EUC eligibility

Optional Services Include:

- Comprehensive and specialized assessments
- Individual and group career counseling
- Training services
- Job search counseling
- Individual reemployment plan reviews

**If you are currently receiving or planning to receive SEB, what these changes will mean for you:**

- No new SEB claims will be established after December 30, 2012.
  - While no immediate changes have been made to the number of weeks available on SEB – currently up to 20 weeks or 80% of the regular UI claim – the Nevada SEB program is subject to discontinuation based on Nevada's total unemployment rate. This information will be updated as changes occur.
  - Nevada may be required to end the SEB program at any time prior to December 30, 2012.
- The SEB program has a phase out date of June 30, 2013, to complete payment of existing SEB.
- You will be notified in writing approximately three weeks prior to the ending of the SEB program.