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Sequester Reduces Federal Emergency Unemployment Benefits

JUNEAU, Alaska—Beginning May 19, eligible unemployed individuals who are applying for new tiers of Emergency Unemployment Benefits will receive a benefit reduced by 23.92 percent due to federal automatic budget cuts. The so-called sequester will not affect Alaska's state program, which provides a maximum of 26 weeks of unemployment benefits.

Under the EUC program, unemployed workers who exhaust state program benefits can receive up to 37 weeks of federally funded assistance. The cuts to the federal program could affect about 14,000 Alaskans who are nearing the end of their state unemployment benefits or already receiving EUC assistance.

The average weekly EUC benefit amount is \$245, which would be reduced to about \$186.

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development will continue to maintain its focus on reemploying long-term unemployed workers through job services and skills assessments currently offered through the Alaska Job Center Network around the state.

Individuals needing help to find work, develop a resume or create a career plan should visit the nearest Alaska Job Center or call 877-724-2539.

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