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New Federal Tier 3 Emergency Unemployment Benefits Available Again, End Dec. 28

JUNEAU, Alaska—Beginning this week, some eligible unemployed workers in Alaska will be able to receive additional weeks of federal benefits under the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. However, in accordance with federal law, the last payable week of EUC is Dec. 28, regardless of any remaining balances. The program will end as scheduled, unless extended by Congress.

The EUC end does not affect those receiving regular state unemployment benefits of up to 26 weeks.

The additional federal benefit, known as EUC Tier III, has triggered back on based on Alaska's insured unemployment rate rising to four percent or higher. The first payable week of EUC tier III is the week ending Dec. 14 and eligible workers would only receive the additional benefits through Dec. 28.

The Employment Security Division, which administers the Unemployment Insurance program, will automatically add the additional benefits for eligible unemployed workers who will be notified by mail.

Alaskans affected by the Dec. 28 end of EUC benefits are urged to contact the nearest Job Center for job search assistance, resume building assistance and other employment services to aid in a transition to sustainable employment. The Alaska Job Center networks may be contacted online at Jobs.Alaska.Gov or by calling toll-free 877-724-2539.

For more information on Unemployment Insurance (UI) please visit http://labor.alaska.gov/esd_unemployment_insurance/home.htm.

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