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UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (FPUC) FOR CONSTITUENTS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Under current Federal law and US DOL guidelines, this is the last benefit week for \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, or FPUC, payments in New York. That means when your unemployed constituents submit their weekly certification between Sunday 7/26 and Saturday 8/1, they will be certifying for their final week of FPUC. This may change if Congress takes action to extend Americans' unemployment benefits. The Department of Labor will provide updates on any changes through direct emails to your unemployed constituents, through the Department website, labor.ny.gov, and through the DOL social media accounts on Twitter (@NYSLabor), Facebook (facebook.com/nyslabor) and Instagram (@nyslabor).

Help us keep our phone lines clear so that New Yorkers who need help with their specific claims can reach us. Please encourage people who have questions about FPUC extensions to visit our website labor.ny.gov or follow us on social media for the latest information.

IN ADDITION, PLEASE NOTE TWO RECENT BENEFIT EXTENSIONS:

- 1. Traditional Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits are now extended for up to 59 weeks:**
Traditional UI lasts for 26 weeks in New York, and has been extended by both the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, which adds 13 weeks, and the Extended Benefits (EB) program, which adds an additional 20 weeks.
- 2. Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits are now extended for up to 46 weeks:**
Under Federal law, those receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) are not eligible for PEUC or EB, but are now eligible for up to 46 weeks of benefits in New York – up from the original 39 weeks.

In order for your constituents to continue receiving their UI or PUA benefits, they must continue to certify every week. **They do not need to re-apply or contact the NYS DOL, unless they are specifically told to do so.** New Yorkers can certify online at labor.ny.gov/signin or on the phone by calling **1-888-581-5812** (for UI) or **1-833-324-0366** (for PUA).

To learn more about Extended Benefits, they can visit the PEUC and EB FAQs at <https://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/extended-benefits-faq.pdf>.