
The COVID19 Unemployment Update

March 18, 2020 President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Contained within this Act was the Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020.

This section provides \$1 billion in 2020 for emergency grants to states for activities related to unemployment insurance benefit processing and payment, under certain conditions.

The first half of the resources are to be allocated to provide immediate funding to all states for administrative costs so long as they meet some basic requirements, including:

- (1) requiring employers to provide notification of the availability of unemployment compensation at the time of separation;
- (2) ensuring applications for unemployment compensation and assistance with the application process are accessible in at least two ways (in-person, by phone, or online); and
- (3) notifying applicants when their application is received and being processed, as well as providing information about how to ensure successful processing if the application cannot be processed.

The second half would be reserved for emergency grants to states which experience an increase of unemployment compensation claims of at least 10% in comparison to the same quarter in the prior calendar year.

Those states would be eligible to receive an additional grant to assist with costs related to such an unemployment spike if they meet additional requirements, including:

- (1) expressing of commitment to maintain and strengthen access to unemployment compensation; and
- (2) taking or planning to take steps to ease eligibility requirements and access (like waiving work search requirements and the waiting period).

The Act will provide those states that meet these requirements with **100% federal funding** to provide **extended unemployment benefits**, up to an additional 26 weeks after the initial 26 weeks (up to 52 weeks of total UI benefits).

Previously, states were required to pay 50% of extended unemployment benefits. This provision will also remain in effect until December 31, 2020.

CCC continues to monitor the updates from the federal government and will continue to provide updates as they become available.

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