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USDOL Informs Kansas High Extended Unemployment Benefits Period Ending

Eligible claimants can receive up to 13 weeks of benefits, rather than 20 weeks

Topeka, Kansas - Due to economic growth and recovering unemployment rates in the state of Kansas, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) notified the state Friday Oct. 16, that it will remain on the 13-week Extended Benefits (EB) program for unemployed Kansans, but that the state has triggered off of the High Unemployment Period (HUP) under that program.

The federal agency's announcement means that Kansans are no longer eligible for an additional seven weeks of Extended Benefits under federal law. Additionally, the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) is prohibited from making any additional payments to claimants that fall outside of the 13 weeks window, regardless of where a claimant falls within the original HUP-EB extended period. Kansans who are no longer eligible for the EB program may be eligible to receive Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) if they qualify under all of the program's federally mandated criteria.

In response to USDOL's HUP-EB notification, KDOL has reached out to impacted claimants to inform them of the program's suspension and to notify them that they are no longer eligible for payments beyond the initial 13 weeks. KDOL has also notified the impacted claimants that they may be eligible for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program.

The regular EB program remains triggered on and eligible claimants will continue to receive up to 13 weeks in EB benefits. Information on all available unemployment programs, including PUA, can be found at www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

Since March 15, 2020, KDOL has paid out over 2.8 million weekly claims totaling \$2.1 billion between regular unemployment, and the federal pandemic programs.

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