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**DIRECTIVE : UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 09-97**

**TO : ALL STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCIES**

**FROM : MARY ANN WYRSCH**  
**Director**  
**Unemployment Insurance Service**

**SUBJECT : Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) Program Coverage Ruling No. 97-1, Human Subjects for Research Studies Conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (ARS)**

1. **Purpose.** To provide State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) with a copy of the above UCFE program coverage ruling.
2. **Background.** For a complete discussion of the background of the UCFE Program Coverage Ruling No. 97-1, please refer to the Discussion/Analysis section of the attachment to this directive.

On August 15, 1996, the Administrator of the ARS requested that the Secretary of Labor issue a UCFE program coverage ruling on whether human subjects participating in nutritional research studies conducted by the ARS perform "Federal Service" within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 8501(1) for UCFE program coverage purposes. The attached Coverage Ruling held that these subjects did not perform Federal service.

3. **Action Required.** SESAs should:
  - a. Provide copies of this directive, plus attachment, to all appropriate staff, including the Unemployment Insurance Tax and Appeals Units.
  - b. Follow the guidance contained in the attachment when determining the UCFE program eligibility of individuals who participated as human subjects in ARS nutritional research studies.
4. **Inquiries.** Direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.
5. **Attachment.** [UCFE Program Coverage Ruling No. 97-1.](#)