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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER No. 14-09, Change 3

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
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SUBJECT: Special Transfers for Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Administration and Relief from Interest on Advances

1. Purpose. To advise states of an amendment relating to unemployment compensation (UC) modernization incentive payments.

2. References. The Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, Public Law No. 111-92, enacted November 6, 2009; the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act, Title II of Division B of Public Law No. 111-5, enacted February 17, 2009; the Social Security Act (SSA); and Unemployment Insurance Program Letters (UIPLs) No. 14-09 and No. 14-09, Changes 1 and 2.

3. Background. UIPL No. 14-09 and UIPL No. 14-09, Change 1, provided guidance to states on how to qualify for UC modernization incentive payments. Public Law No. 111-92 amended the qualifying requirements for the two-thirds incentive payment pertaining to separations from employment due to compelling family reasons. Specifically, it:

- Added an additional option for qualifying for incentive payments. This option pertains to individuals who separate from employment to escape sexual assault.
- Added an additional requirement for qualifying for incentive payments under the new sexual assault option, as well as under the existing domestic violence option. Any amendment to state law made in order to qualify under these two options “shall not supercede [*sic*] any other provision” that provided “broader access” to UC.

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These amendments are effective for state applications submitted on and after January 1, 2010.

Attachment I, using a Question and Answer (Q&A) format, provides more information on these amendments and their effect on the application procedure.

4. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Paperwork Reduction Act. There are no forms associated with OMB Control Number 1205-0470; however, this UIPL allows for an additional category under which states may apply for UC modernization incentive payments. ETA was granted OMB clearance on November 17, 2009, through the Paperwork Reduction Act process for this control number to account for the additional category under which states may submit applications.

5. Action. State administrators should distribute this advisory to appropriate staff.

6. Inquiries. Questions should be addressed to your Regional Office.

7. Attachments.

Attachment I – Questions and Answers

Attachment II – Text of Amendments to UC Modernization Incentive Payment Provisions made by Public Law No. 111-92