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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 10-23

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: BRENT PARTON /s/
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Cancellation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Related Guidance, including Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 22-21, Change 2; UIPL No. 23-21, Change 5; UIPL No. 02-22, Change 3; and UIPL No. 07-23.

1. **Purpose.** To cancel UIPL No. 22-21, Change 2; UIPL No. 23-21, Change 5; UIPL No. 02-22, Change 3; and UIPL No. 07-23.
2. **Action Requested.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s (the Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests that State Workforce Agency Administrators provide information contained in this UIPL to the appropriate state staff.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. **Summary** – This UIPL cancels UIPL No. 22-21, Change 2; UIPL No. 23-21, Change 5; UIPL No. 02-22, Change 3; and UIPL No. 07-23. The Department will determine the future uses of the remaining ARPA funds and will provide additional guidance, as appropriate.
 - b. **Background** – On March 11, 2021, the President signed ARPA into law (Public Law (Pub. L.) 117-2). Section 9032, ARPA, created a new Section 2118 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136) and provided for a \$2,000,000,000 appropriation to the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) to: (1) detect and prevent fraud, (2) to promote equitable access, and (3) to ensure timely payment of benefits to eligible workers with respect to unemployment compensation (UC) programs. ARPA describes allowable uses of these funds, including awarding grants for such purposes to states and territories administering UC programs and for systemwide infrastructure investment and development.

On June 3, 2023, the President signed into law the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA) (Pub. L. 118-5). Section 24 of Title I of Division B of FRA, permanently rescinds

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\$1,000,000,000 of the unobligated balances of amounts made available by Section 2118(a) of Title II of Division A of the CARES Act, as added by Section 9032 of ARPA.

4. Guidance.

- a. Due to the permanent rescission in FRA of \$1,000,000,000 of the unobligated ARPA funds made available to the Department, the Department is canceling the following guidance.
- UIPL No. 22-21, Change 2, *Additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding and Support for States to Strengthen Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program Integrity, including Identity (ID) Verification, Fraud Prevention and Detection, and Overpayment Recovery Efforts in All Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs and Required and Strongly Recommended Strategies, Tools, and Services for UI Fraud Risk Mitigation and Improper Payment Reduction;*
 - UIPL No. 23-21, Change 5, *Additional Grant Opportunities for Promoting Equitable Access to Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs;*
 - UIPL No. 02-22, Change 3, *Modifications to the Grant Opportunity Announced in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 02-22, to Support States Following the Tiger Teams Consultative Assessment;* and
 - UIPL No. 07-23, *Announcement of a Grant Opportunity to Support State Unemployment Insurance (UI) Information Technology (IT) Modernization Activities Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).*

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- b. Applications for Equity Grants provided under UIPL No. 23-21 were due by December 31, 2021 (*see* UIPL No. 23-21, Change 2). Since this time, some states have continued to revise their applications to be fully responsive to the solicitation after having submitted them to the Department. Effective July 14, 2023, the Department will not process any additional applications and no funding will be awarded for applications that have not been deemed fully responsive by that date.

5. Inquiries. States should direct inquiries to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. References.

- Division B, Title I, Section 24, of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023;
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), including Title IX, Subtitle A, Crisis Support for Unemployed Workers (Pub. L. 117-2);
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Title II, Subtitle A – Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (Pub. L. 116-136);
- UIPL No. 07-23, *Announcement of a Grant Opportunity to Support State Unemployment Insurance (UI) Information Technology (IT) Modernization Activities Under the*

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), issued May 26, 2023,
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/uipl-07-23>;

- UIPL No. 02-22, Change 3, *Modifications to the Grant Opportunity Announced in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 02-22, to Support States Following the Tiger Teams Consultative Assessment*, issued May 19, 2023,
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/uipl-02-22-change-3>;
- UIPL No. 23-21, Change 5, *Additional Grant Opportunities for Promoting Equitable Access to Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs*, issued May 24, 2023,
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/uipl-23-21-change-5>;
- UIPL No. 23-21, Change 2, *Further Extension of Time to Submit Request for Funding under Grant Opportunity Announced in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 23-21*, issued December 20, 2021,
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/unemployment-insurance-program-letter-no-23-21-change-2>;
- UIPL No. 23-21, *Grant Opportunity for Promoting Equitable Access to Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs*, issued August 17, 2021,
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/unemployment-insurance-program-letter-no-23-21>; and
- UIPL No. 22-21, Change 2, *Additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding and Support for States to Strengthen Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program Integrity, including Identity (ID) Verification, Fraud Prevention and Detection, and Overpayment Recovery Efforts in All Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs and Required and Strongly Recommended Strategies, Tools, and Services for UI Fraud Risk Mitigation and Improper Payment Reduction*, issued April 27, 2023,
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/advisories/uipl-22-21-change-2>.

7. **Attachments.** None.