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## Subject: Unemployment Compensation in Pennsylvania

Changes in Unemployment Compensation (UC) legislation have been in the news in the last few months. Please explain what these changes mean to UC claimants in Pennsylvania.

## **Response By: Division of Welfare Initiatives**

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Regular UC, Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) and State Extended Benefits (EB) continue to be available in Pennsylvania. Recent State legislation has enabled a portion of EB to continue past an expected June 11, 2011 end date. However, the portion of EB called High Unemployment Period (HUP) EB has ended. HUP EB is Tier 2 on the State Extended Benefits on the attached chart. No further HUP EB will be paid to any claimant, even if they had a balance remaining on June 11, 2011.

The attached flow chart describes the current UC benefits available in PA.

Continue to use UC resources available on the Department of Labor and Industry's web site (Federal Programs UC Information) when reviewing applicant or recipient UC income.

At this time, OIM's Data Exchange information received from L&I does not differentiate between regular UC benefits and UC extensions. Systems staff is working with L&I to make the information sent to us more specific. You will be notified when that information becomes available.