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Subject: Verification of Exhausted Unemployment Compensation Benefits

Is there any way for the CAO to verify that an applicant or recipient has exhausted unemployment compensation (UC) benefits if that information is not clearly available on Data Exchange 2?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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Yes, there is. The Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) has developed an Exhaustion of UC benefit letter (UC-50) that will provide the date of the last benefit week payable to the UC claimant. Beginning in September 2011, UC claimants will be able to request this letter confirming their last payable week of UC, Emergency UC or State Extended Benefit.

- The letter may be requested by the applicant or recipient (**not** the CAO) by contacting their local service center or calling 888-313-7284.
- The letter will be mailed to the applicant or recipient
- The letter confirms the last week payable, not the date the final benefit was issued. The CAO must determine when that benefit was received via Data Exchange 2.
- The letter instructs the UC claimant that they remain responsible for reporting any change in UC eligibility to concerned parties.