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ODJFS Issues \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Payments

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has begun issuing supplemental weekly \$300 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments to eligible unemployment claimants following a new system programming update. The payments were made possible by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which was signed on December 27, 2020.

“Each claim is important to us. We understand the urgency of providing Ohioans with the resources they need to support their families,” said ODJF Director Kimberly Henderson. “We worked quickly to align our system with the new requirements, and I am pleased that we can now provide much-needed relief to eligible claimants.”

The federal CARES Act, signed in March 2020, provided FPUC benefits through July 31, 2020. It also provided up to 39 weeks of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and up to 13 weeks of Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, signed on December 27, 2021, provided up to an additional 11 weeks of FPUC benefits from December 27, 2020, through March 13, 2021. It also provided an additional up to 11 weeks in PEUC and PUA. System programming is still underway for these new benefits.

Programming has been completed for the \$300 add-on for claimants receiving traditional unemployment benefits, as well as for claimants with remaining eligibility under the PEUC and PUA programs, and other unemployment programs.

All claimants will receive all benefits they are eligible for, retroactive to as early as December 27, 2020.

For updates on the implementation of the extended an amended pandemic unemployment programs, visit jfs.ohio.gov/caa.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

