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**ADVISORY:** UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER No. 12-09

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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**SUBJECT:** Extended Benefits Program – Temporary Changes made by the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act

1. Purpose. To advise states of temporary changes to the permanent federal-state extended benefits (EB) program.
2. References. Section 2005 of Division B, Title II, the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act, of Public Law No. 111-5, enacted February 17, 2009; the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008, Public Law 110-449; the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (“EB law”), 26 U.S.C. 3304(a)(11) note; 20 CFR Part 615; and Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 45-82 and UIPL No. 7-09.
3. Background. Section 2005 made several temporary changes to the EB program provided for under the EB law. One change is intended to encourage states experiencing high unemployment to enact the program’s optional total unemployment rate (TUR) trigger by providing that the Federal government will, in most cases, pay 100 percent of the benefit costs of EB for a specified period. This 100 percent reimbursement also applies to states triggering “on” under other EB triggers and is available to states that already have the TUR trigger in their laws. Under another change, states may allow additional individuals to qualify for EB.

Attachment I discusses the temporary changes in greater detail. Attachment II contains the text of the EB provisions.

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

<b>RESCISSIONS</b> None	<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b> Continuing
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5. Inquiries. Questions should be addressed to your Regional Office.

6. Attachments.

Attachment I – Temporary Changes to Federal-State EB Program

Attachment II – Text of Section 2005 of Public Law 111-5