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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Emergency Unemployment Compensation, 2008 – Program Expansion

1. Purpose. To advise states of an expansion of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation, 2008 (EUC08) program and to provide operating instructions for its implementation.
2. References. The Unemployment Compensation Extension Act, Public Law 110-449, enacted November 21, 2008; Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008, Title IV—Emergency Unemployment Compensation, Public Law 110-252, enacted June 30, 2008; Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 23-08 and UIPL No. 23-08, Change 1.
3. Background. Public Law (P.L.) 110-449 expands the EUC08 program to provide up to 20 weeks of 100 percent federally-funded unemployment compensation to eligible individuals in all states. It also expands the EUC08 program by providing a second tier of benefits of up to 13 weeks for eligible individuals in those states with high unemployment.

These expanded EUC08 benefits are available only for weeks of unemployment beginning on or after the date of enactment, which is November 21, 2008. Although these amendments do not change the date for establishing initial eligibility for EUC08, they do extend the program’s termination date. Under the new termination date, no EUC08 payments may be made for any week of unemployment beginning after August 27, 2009.

Detailed implementation guidance, including reporting instructions, is included in Attachment A. The text of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act is included in Attachment B.

All states currently have agreements with the Secretary to administer the EUC08 program under provisions of the EUC08 Act. The existing agreements remain in effect, and no new agreements are necessary to implement these amendments.

4. Interpretation. The instructions in this document are issued to the states and cooperating state agencies as guidance provided by the Department of Labor in its role as the principal in the EUC08 program. As agents of the United States, the states and cooperating state agencies may not deviate from the operating instructions without the prior approval of the

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Department. To the extent that the guidance provided in UIPLs Nos. 23-08 and 23-08, Change 1, is inconsistent with this UIPL, such guidance is superseded.

5. Action Requested. Administrators are to provide this information and instructions to the appropriate staff.
6. Inquiries. Direct questions to the appropriate Regional Office.
7. Attachments. Attachment A – Operating Instructions for the EUC08 Program Expansion.
Attachment B – Text of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008.