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**ADVISORY:** UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 23-08, Change 3

**TO:** STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

**FROM:** BRENT R. ORRELL /s/  
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**SUBJECT:** Emergency Unemployment Compensation, 2008 – Questions and Answers

1. Purpose. To respond to questions from states about the expansion of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation, 2008 (EUC08) program.
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 Change 1 and Change 2.
3. Background. Public Law 110-449 (the Extension Act) amends Public Law 110-252 (the EUC08 Act) 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 100 percent federally-funded benefits of up to 13 weeks for eligible individuals in those states with “high unemployment” as defined in the Extension Act.

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. Attached is “Questions and Answers on the EUC08 Extension Act.”

4. Interpretation. The information in this document is 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 this guidance without the prior approval of the Department. To the extent that the guidance provided in UIPL No. 23-08; and Change 1 and Change 2 is inconsistent with this UIPL, such guidance is superseded.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. Attachment. Questions and Answers on the EUC08 Extension Act

<b>RESCISSIONS</b> None	<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b> Continuing
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