

## **Extended Benefits Update April 26 2013**

### **Extended Benefits Ending in Alaska**

#### **(Federal Emergency Unemployment Benefits still available)**

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development advises that the Extended Benefits program (EB) for Alaska is ending. Alaska's Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) fell below 6.00% during the week ending April 06, setting the **EB program last payable week** as the week ending May 04 2013.

Congress did reauthorize the continuation of the Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program for 2013. One of the provisions of that extension is that Extended Benefits (EB) are payable **AFTER** an individual has exhausted their entitlement under the federal program. Normally EB is payable before any special federal benefit program.

Alaska's insured unemployment rate (IUR) decline below 6.00% will also affect the availability of Tier 4 of the Federal Emergency Unemployment compensation (EUC) program. According to USDOL **"The week ending May 4, 2013, will be the last week in which EUC claimants in Alaska can exhaust Tier 3, and establish Tier 4 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants can receive any remaining entitlement they have in Tier 4 after May 4, 2013."**

EUC Tiers 1, 2, and 3 will continue in effect through the end of 2013.