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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 21-21

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: SUZAN G. LEVINE /s/

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount:

July 1 – September 30, 2021

1. Purpose. To transmit the subject computation for State Workforce Agency usage in computing minimum weekly DUA amounts for all major disasters declared from July 1 – September 30, 2021, (fourth quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2021).

2. <u>Action Requested</u>. State Workforce Agency Administrators should provide this information to appropriate staff and ensure utilization of the correct Average Weekly Benefit Amount (AWBA) in determining the minimum weekly DUA benefit amount.

3. Summary and Background.

- a. Summary If an individual's DUA weekly benefit amount is less than 50 percent of the state's average weekly payment of unemployment compensation (UC) or if the individual has insufficient wages from employment or insufficient or no net income from self-employment, the state shall determine the DUA weekly amount to equal 50 percent of the average weekly payment of UC in the state.
- b. Background The Department is required to publish information on each state's minimum DUA weekly benefit amount quarterly (see 20 CFR 625.6(b)).

4. Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount.

The attached listing sets forth the minimum DUA weekly benefit amount for each state applicable for major disasters declared during the fourth quarter of FY 2021, from July 1 to September 30, 2021, and the computation used to determine this amount.

5. Inquiries. Please direct inquiries to the appropriate Regional Office.

RESCISSIONS EXPIRATION DATE None Continuing

6. References.

- 20 CFR 625.6
- Employment and Training (ET) Handbook 356, Chapter IV-3
- **7.** <u>Attachment.</u> Minimum Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Weekly Benefit Amount: July 1 September 30, 2021