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Unemployment Bulletin

Disaster Unemployment Assistance expanded in Florida

SITUATION: In a press release dated September 15, 2017, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) announced Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has been made available in the following additional 9 counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Nassau, Suwannee, and Union. Additional counties may continue to be added as recovery efforts continue. Should coverage be expanded, we will communicate that to you as it becomes available.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Hurricane Irma began affecting the above counties on September 9, 2017. A Presidential declaration of disaster was put into effect making DUA funding available. The deadline for filing a DUA claim for these additional counties is October 16, 2017. After this date, the claim will not be considered timely and will not be honored. Claims are being taken by the DEO at: <http://www.floridajobs.org/> or by calling 800/385-3920.

More information on this recent DUA declaration can be found on the DEO website at:

<http://floridajobs.org/news-center/DEO-Press/2017/09/15/federal-reemployment-assistance-available-for-additional-counties>

Please see the September 14, 2017 edition of our Unemployment Bulletin for specific details on the DUA program, filing deadlines for the original 35 counties, and employer charging/noncharging provisions for both DUA and regular UI benefits associated to this disaster.

ACTION STEPS: More information on the DUA program can be found at:

<http://workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/disaster.asp>

It bears repeating that the deadline for filing DUA claims related to storms in the above additional counties is October 16, 2017.