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\$600 Weekly Unemployment Benefit Ending; Job Search Assistance Available

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor and Regulation reminds South Dakotans job search assistance is available when the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program ends.

“Our job openings are back to pre-pandemic levels, and we can help those unemployed find new employment,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “Employment specialists can help search job listings, write resumes and cover letters, submit applications, and even practice interviewing.”

Clients can meet with employment specialists virtually through Microsoft Teams. [Job Service offices](#) are accepting in-office clients by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call in advance to schedule.

“Businesses are eager for qualified applicants, and we can make that connection,” said Secretary Hultman. “We also have many education and training opportunities to get you started.”

FPUC provides an extra \$600 weekly payment to all unemployment claimants and is 100% federally funded. States do not have the ability to extend FPUC. The last payment will be on claims for the claim week ending Saturday, July 25, 2020, per federal guidelines.

In South Dakota, a total of \$147.7 million has been paid out in FPUC benefits.

Eligible claimants waiting on FPUC payments or backdating requests for any claim weeks from April 4 through July 25 will receive those payments. Claimants currently receiving unemployment benefits will continue to receive their state weekly benefit amount if they remain eligible.