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Unemployment Initial Weekly Claims Decrease

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of July 12-18, a total of 698 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 518 claims from the prior week’s total of 1,216.

“The last week the additional \$600 weekly benefit is payable is claim week ending July 25,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “Eligible claimants waiting on FPUC payments or backdating requests for any claim weeks from April 4 through July 25 will receive those payments. We continue to process claims and resolve issues as quickly as possible.”

A total of \$2.9 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$9.8 million paid out in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$724,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$99,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance July 19 was \$120.5 million.

The latest number of continued state claims is 18,722 for the week ending July 4. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

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NOTE: DLR will send out weekly news release updates on new unemployment claims every Thursday after the U.S. Department of Labor publishes the official release at 8:30 a.m. EDT. View at https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.