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## **Labor Department Outlines Federal Unemployment Extensions**

PIERRE, S.D. – The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) has outlined the unemployment compensation benefit extensions provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 signed by President Joe Biden on March 11.

This federal legislation extends the following programs. To receive extended benefits, claimants must continue to request weekly payments every week.

- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) provides all unemployment claimants an additional \$300 benefit per week through week ending Sept. 4, 2021.
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is extended through week ending Sept. 4, 2021. This adds an additional 29 weeks of unemployment beginning week ending March 20, 2021.
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) is extended through week ending Sept. 4, 2021.

The benefit year will be ending for many unemployment claims originally filed at the beginning of the pandemic. If a claimant is still unemployed, a new claim must be opened to redetermine benefit eligibility.

New claims can be filed online at [dlr.sd.gov/RA](http://dlr.sd.gov/RA) or by calling 605-626-3179. This number is only for new claims and cannot assist with existing unemployment inquiries.

If a claimant has already exhausted PUA or regular State unemployment compensation, federal law provides benefits can only be paid beginning week ending March 20, 2021. No retroactive benefits will be paid.