Federal Funding Ending for Remaining Extended Unemployment Benefits

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB) program will end after December 26 because the federal law authorizing funding for it is expiring (the Families First Coronavirus Response Act) and because of Ohio’s significantly lower October unemployment rate. As a result, the last week payable for individuals who have been deemed eligible for up to 13 weeks of EB is the week ending December 26, 2020.

Until that date, individuals who exhaust their regular unemployment benefits are potentially eligible for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). If they exhaust PEUC, they are potentially eligible for EB. If they exhaust all three programs, they are potentially eligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. However, unless action is taken at the federal level, only traditional unemployment benefits will remain in effect after December 26.

Click here and here for graphic representations of the unemployment programs available in Ohio in December and January.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.