

E-Blast sent to State Workforce Agencies on January 16, 2019

Dear State Unemployment Insurance Colleagues:

The U.S. Department of Labor has received a number of questions regarding the eligibility of excepted Federal employees who are required to continue working during the partial government shutdown for Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE), given they are not in pay status. Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPLs) No. 31-13, No. 31-13 Change 1, and No 31-13 Change 2 address the full range of questions regarding eligibility of Federal workers for unemployment benefits during a government shutdown. Section A(3) of the Attachment to UIPL 31-13 addresses the issue of excepted employees. These UIPLs remain in effect and states should consider the policies articulated as current and applicable to the current government shutdown.

States with questions on this guidance should address them to their Employment and Training Administration Regional Office.

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