

**DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS**  
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

February 4, 1975

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-33

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REFERENCE: DBP TELEGRAMS OF JANUARY 8 AND JANUARY 10, 1975; EAS 41-440.522,  
41-440.54, 44-103; FISCAL MANUAL 25-520.10, 25-750.6;  
OPERATIONS 29-001, ET. SEQ.

The Employment Development Department has undertaken an "outreach" program in an effort to maximize participation in the new Special Unemployment Assistance program. As a part of this effort, EDD has provided for an informational stuffer to be sent with the Medi-Cal cards for county administered beneficiaries for February 1975. The stuffer notifies persons who may be eligible for benefits under the SUA program to contact their nearest Unemployment Office. A copy of the text is attached.

The Department of Benefit Payments fully supports EDD in its "outreach" effort. Our evaluation of the SUA program indicates that maximizing the availability of SUA benefits to AFDC cash grant recipients is in the best interest of both the counties and the recipients. Counties can realize some savings particularly in grant expenditures for the general assistance program, and recipients will be in a financial position which is equal to or greater than their AFDC cash position. It is expected that county welfare departments will take all reasonable steps to ensure that recipients of public assistance who may be eligible for SUA benefits file a claim application.

As mentioned in our telegram of January 8, 1975, the SUA program is a 100 percent federally funded program which provides special unemployment insurance coverage to persons whose previous occupation is not covered by State Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB). The local Unemployment Offices began accepting claim applications the week of January 5, 1975, and the program will pay benefits through March 31, 1976. Claims filed by January 31, 1975, may be backdated to December 22, 1974, at the discretion of the local Unemployment Office. An individual may receive benefits up to a maximum of 26 weeks.

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To be eligible for the SUA program, individuals must meet the same requirements as individuals eligible to UIB in that they are totally or partially unemployed, able to work, available for and seeking work, and not subject to disqualification because they voluntarily quit a job or were terminated for cause. In addition, these individuals must have earned at least \$750 during the 52 weeks immediately preceding the date of claim application, and they must not qualify for regular UIB.

To facilitate the filing and processing of claim applications, selected Unemployment Offices will remain open evenings and weekends. You should contact your local offices to determine exact hours.

In view of the increased workload of local Unemployment Offices, counties are requested to adhere to the procedures described in Operations 29-001, et. seq., for the verification of benefit information. While the DE 507 will not show wage information for SUA claimants, it will provide the date and office of claim application. This information may then be used to complete the ABCD 2489.

Claiming instructions for AFDC-U fathers receiving SUA benefits remain as described in our telegram of January 10, 1975. SUA income is to be considered in the same manner as UIB income and any AFDC payments to such families are to be claimed nonfederal on the AFDC-U aid payrolls. These payments should be identified with a payment code.

Your cooperation and assistance in making the "outreach" program a success will be appreciated. Should you have any further questions, please contact your AFDC Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458.

Sincerely,



DENNIS O. FLATT  
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA  
Mr. Ken Sanger  
Employment Development Department

# OUT OF WORK?

**Not Eligible For Unemployment Insurance?**

**You Might Receive Payments Under A Program  
Called SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**

This is a new program that pays money to persons who are out of work and not eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance and who have earned at least \$750.00 in the past year.

For more information about these benefits go to the nearest Unemployment Office to see if you are eligible.

Pass this notice on to other persons that are not working.

# ¿ESTA Ud. SIN TRABAJO?

¿ Y No Califica Para Pagos De Desempleo?

Posiblemente Ud. califica en un programa llamado BENEFICIOS ESPECIALES de DESEMPLEO (SUA).\*

Este es un programa nuevo que paga beneficios a personas sin trabajo y que no califican para pagos de desempleo regulares y que recibieron \$750.00 en sueldos en el año que paso.

Para más información tocante estos beneficios, vaya a cualquier oficina del Departamento de Desarrollo del Empleo.

Pase este noticiero a otra persona que esté sin trabajo.

\*Special Unemployment Assistance

January 10, 1975

TELEGRAM

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SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This is in addition to Mr. Prod's telegram of 1/8/75. The purpose is to specify claiming instructions so that you can implement the provisions contained within Mr. Prod's telegram concerning the Special Unemployment Assistance Program. The question as to whether families in which the AFDC-U father is receiving SUA will be federally eligible has been referred to HEW. Their tentative decision is that SUA income is to be considered in the same manner as UIB income. Therefore, any AFDC payments made to families where the father is in receipt of SUA benefits and his unemployment is the basis of deprivation are to be claimed nonfederal on the AFDC-U aid payrolls (Regulations 41-440.522 and 41-440.54, and Fiscal Manual 25-520.10). These payments should be identified with a payment code (See Fiscal Manual 25-750.6).

The code to be used is UA. If the Federal Government changes its position at a later date, it will then be possible to accumulate the necessary data to retroactively adjust to federal participation on a subsequent claim.

If you have additional questions, please contact Evelyn Fisher or Ben Whitfield at 916/445-7046.

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