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Unemployment Benefits included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced today that it anticipates payment of the \$25 per week additional unemployment benefits within the next two weeks. This increase in unemployment compensation benefits is funded from the money Virginia received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, known as the stimulus package.

Claimants are eligible for the additional \$25 per week beginning the benefit week ending February 28, 2009. The last week the \$25 can be paid is the benefit week ending June 26, 2010. The VEC has been working diligently to update software programs. The VEC will pay accrued amounts in one payment.

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