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Virginia Employment Commission to Mail Benefits Applications and Payments

RICHMOND—The U. S. Congress passed an extension of unemployment benefits on November 6, 2009, up to an additional 14 weeks beyond the benefits that were previously available. The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) has begun verifying claimants' eligibility and reprogramming computer systems to implement the additional benefits. The VEC staff has been working diligently to complete this process.

On December 11, 2009, the VEC will be mailing out approximately 10,000 applications to those individuals who have already exhausted their previous extended benefits. These should be returned immediately to the VEC at P. O. Box 2249, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2249.

It is anticipated that the first payments will begin on December 18, 2009. Applications will continue to be mailed out as individuals become eligible.

The additional weeks of benefits are entirely federally funded and will not have an impact on the state's general fund or Virginia's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

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