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Secretary Baumbach Statement on UI Extended Benefits

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Scott Baumbach issued the following statement today after the state Senate approved a legislative change that the Assembly passed last week to allow Wisconsin to restart the Extended Benefits program, which would provide up to 13 weeks of federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to as many as 40,000 eligible Wisconsin claimants:

“At the Department of Workforce Development, we are ready to act once the Governor signs the measure and the statutory change goes into effect. We will move as quickly as possible to process retroactive payments without interrupting processing activity for the more than 127,000 claimants currently receiving UI benefits.

“We are prepared to process all retroactive checks within three to four business days after enactment, and claimants should receive their payments shortly after that. These efforts are part of our strong commitment to supporting Wisconsin workers and helping them get back on their feet.”

Secretary Baumbach stated additional information about the payments and timetable will be available once the legislation is signed into law.

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