

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 13-23

Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: April 23, 2013

Subject: **Sequestration Impact: Emergency Unemployment Compensation**

Purpose: To provide Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners with responses to questions from states about the impact of sequestration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Background: [The Budget Control Act \(BCA\) of 2011](#) amended the [Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 \(BBEDCA\)](#) to require reductions in budgetary authority, known as sequestration, beginning January 2, 2013, unless Congress passed, and the President signed, a bill that reduced the deficit by at least \$1.2 trillion over 10 years. [The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 \(ATRA\)](#) amended the BBEDCA to delay the sequestration implementation date from January 2, 2013, to March 1, 2013. As required by the BBEDCA, the President issued a sequestration order on March 1, 2013. [Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 13-13 \(UIPL\)](#) outlined the sequestration reduction requirements as they applied to the Unemployment Insurance programs for FY 2013. [Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 13-13, Change 1](#) contains questions and answers about the sequestration reductions for EUC that were outlined in UIPL No. 13-13.

Areas covered include:

- General Questions
- EUC Reductions and Calculations
- Notifications to the Claimant
- Monetary Determinations
- Adjustments of EUC Payments
- EUC Option/Deferral of UI
- Requalification Requirements to Satisfy Disqualifications
- Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) Monetary Determination
- Overpayments
- Appeals, and
- EUC Work Search Audits

Action

Required: Please ensure that all appropriate staff is aware of this information.

Effective: Immediately.