



DEPARTMENT OF
CAREER SERVICES

Workforce Issuance

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

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: March 28, 2019

Subject: **DUA UI Policy & Performance Maximum Allowable Benefit Weeks**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of the change to maximum allowable benefit weeks for new/initial unemployment claims as stated in Department of Unemployment Assistance UI Policy & Performance Interoffice Memorandum No. UIPP 2019.01, released March 27, 2019.

Background: Massachusetts General Laws 151A, Section 30, provides guidance on how to calculate the potential duration of unemployment insurance (UI) claims. In 2016, the Commonwealth amended this law to reduce the potential duration of a claim from 30 weeks to 26, when the twelve-month average unemployment rate in the metropolitan areas is equal to or less than 5.1%. The criteria in this section of the law has occurred.

Action

Required: Please ensure all appropriate managers and staff are notified of this information.

Effective: Immediately

Attachment: DUA UI Policy & Performance Interoffice Memorandum No. UIPP 2019.01

Inquiries: Inquires can be made through the UI Policy & Performance Department at 617-626-6422.