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Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) is a temporary federal program created in 2008 to assist individuals who have exhausted regular state benefits. **The EUC program is set to expire on December 31, 2013.**

In South Carolina, claimants have the maximum potential to receive state benefits for 20 weeks. The EUC program provides up to an additional 29 weeks of benefits for qualifying individuals. These 29 weeks are divided into three tiers.

To continue from state benefits to EUC, claimants must file for an extension. Please note that extensions can only be filed once a claimant's account has exhausted state benefits. **If a claimant files an extension effective after December 22, 2013, the extension cannot be processed unless Congress passes further legislation allowing retroactive payments for the EUC program.**

There is discussion in Washington to extend EUC benefits retroactively in January. In light of this possibility, DEW is asking current EUC claimants to continue filing their weekly claims so that all of their information remains updated.

Regardless of where a claimant falls on the three-tier EUC system, all payments will cease at the program's end on December 31, 2013.

If the end of EUC affects a claimant, DEW will notify the claimant by mail. South Carolinians impacted are encouraged to take advantage of job placement resources in local SC Works centers and online at [jobs.sc.works.org](http://jobs.sc.works.org).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-737-0089.

Sincerely,  
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