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Subject: RE: DUA

Bob, thanks so much for getting back to me.

I want to make sure I understand the first piece. So folks who applied and found eligible should get a check as soon as feds approve the funds and you can then send it out? So for folks who applied the first 3 weeks when no job search was required, they will get a check for those three weeks soon, maybe next week or two? Only reason we are asking is we have received calls from folks who owe rent and were under the impression it could be a while.

As for the job search. Your last email said you could elect to not have then search for a job the first 12 weeks, but that SC is choosing to do so. My question is, can we have a conversation about this. I am concerned for people who are trying to get their homes and possibly business fixed and they are required to take a job at the same time. I understand for folks that are not fixing a home or if their place of work is either closing for good or going to be closed for an extended period of time.

Sue

From: Bouyea, Robert [mailto:RBouyea@dew.sc.gov]
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Sue, I'm not sure who is telling people that DUA won't be paid until December. Here's what I can tell you, we are on the cusp of making payments. Here's how this works, we have to apply to the federal government for the funds, but we can't pay claims until DOL and FEMA approves them. We are done with everything on our end and hope to make payments long before December.

As far as work searches go, we are requiring them because federal regulations require DUA claimants to look for work. I'm attaching an excerpt of the federal regulations regarding DUA eligibility requirements.

Thanks,

Bob

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Folks are being told that DUA is not being paid until December, if that is true, can you give us something to give landlords as people are being faced with eviction.

Also never did hear back on the job search issue, is there any leeway on this or can we discuss why it is a problem, time is of the essence for people who are struggling with this.

Austin, went to Lexington yesterday for training, I am on Customer Relations this afternoon.

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