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**Department of Labor and Industry Announces
Extension of Emergency Unemployment Benefits**

(**Helena, MT**) Montanans currently receiving Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits now have two more months to access those benefits. H.R. 3765, signed by President Obama, extends the filing date to March 3rd 2012. “This is good news for our Montana unemployed workers. The passage of this bill was critical to help Montanans to continue their benefits while looking for work in the same manner they have been”, said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly.

The extension allows individuals in the program to establish a new tier of benefits through the week ending March 3rd 2012 should they qualify. New EUC claims will need to be filed by the week ending March 3rd, 2012.

The extension of the EUC program is a timeline extension only and does not add any additional tiers of benefits. Montana currently has three tiers of EUC, and that remains unchanged. “We are anticipating no interruption of claims processing and benefit payments with this new legislation”, said Unemployment Insurance Administrator, Roy Mulvaney.

For fastest access to file a claim, the Department of Labor and Industry strongly encourages people to log onto www.ui4u.mt.gov, a secure, safe and easy to use service. For those who do not have a home computer, internet services are available at your local Job Service Office or public library. Claimants may also contact the Claims Processing Center at (406) 444-2545.

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