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## **COLORADO NO LONGER QUALIFIES FOR 13 WEEKS OF STATE EXTENDED BENEFITS**

(DENVER) -- Colorado has been advised by the U.S. Department of Labor that its current three-month average unemployment rate no longer meets the requirements to be eligible to pay the 13 weeks of state extended benefits.

The week ending May 12, 2012, will be the last week Colorado may pay state extended benefits even if the last day of a person's claim is after that date or there is money remaining on the claim.

Colorado's total number of eligible weeks to pay benefits has dropped to 73 from a high of 99 weeks at the height of the Recession.

As federal extended benefits programs change in Colorado, the Department of Labor and Employment will use its website and direct outreach to notify anyone who may be affected by the changes so that claimants will not need to contact the Unemployment Insurance Customer Service Center.

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