

UIPL 16-20, Attachment 1, p. I-5

(https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/UIPL/UIPL_16-20_Attachment_1.pdf).

It is further our understanding that federal law requires all PUA claims to be backdated to as early as February 8, depending on when the applicant's self-quarantine began. The upshot is that if the Claimant can make the necessary PUA showing of a need for self-quarantine the Claimant may very well be eligible for PUA for any week such a quarantine was or is in place, and so the Claimant is well-advised to pursue this avenue of federal benefits through Iowa Workforce. **Our ruling today is no bar to PUA**, but it would mean that once the Claimant comes off PUA the Claimant would have to requalify by earning 10 times the weekly benefit amount before Claimant could receive state unemployment benefits.

Unfortunately, although PUA is a federal benefit that is administered through the state of Iowa, our understanding is that according to Iowa Workforce "PUA benefits for those that have a separation issue on their claim has not been implemented in Iowa." This is an administrative issue. *UIPL 16-20, Change 1, Attachment 1*, p. I-7 question 33 (DOL ETA 4/27/2020). The benefit will be available at some point, but Workforce has to get the systems in place first. Workforce reports that people should continue to check the above website to see when the benefit is available. The Claimant should monitor the website below to see when the PUA benefit is available for those currently ineligible due to a separation issue (like quitting). The Claimant should then apply for this benefit when it becomes available. We understand the delay is trying, but this is how things stand at this point.

The website to monitor and the information on how to apply for PUA, is found at:

<https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information>

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