

UIPL 16-20, Attachment 1.

(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 CVOID-related unavailability or job loss began. The upshot is that if Claimant can make the necessary PUA showing Claimant may very well be eligible for PUA for any qualifying week. **Our ruling today is no bar to PUA.** Our ruling on the separation would mean if the Claimant can get PUA then 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.

The information we have access to indicates the Claimant has been approved for PUA. This decision we issue today does not alter the ruling on the PUA issue. This means, of course, that even though our decision today says benefits are denied, this is for regular benefits and does **not** change the Claimant's ability to collect PUA.

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