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Rule Analysis for Legislative Review

**Proposed Rules Relating to Unemployment Insurance Benefit Claiming Procedures
DWD 129
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Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rules

The proposed rules clarify that filing an initial claim and continuing claim certifications is generally done via the Internet, telephone, or by mail. The Department has been accepting claims via the Internet since 2003.

The current provision on resuming a claim after it has become inactive is amended so that all initial claim applications, including a resumed claim, have the same time limit, which is 7 days after the close of the first week being claimed.

The proposed rule also creates new criteria under which the Department will set aside a benefit year and eliminates the requirement that a request be in writing.

Other changes are clarifications and minor substantive changes.

Public Hearing Summary

A public hearing was held on July 25, 2006. Melissa Manley and Jodi Zblewski of QPS Companies registered in support of the proposed rules. No other comments were received.

Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations

All comments were accepted. The Department's response to comment 5.b.: The claimant handbook, Internet instructions, and weekly claims telephone script all tell the claimant that a claim is not completed until it is submitted and notification received that it has been accepted.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules do not add or change any requirements for small businesses.

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