MARYLAND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS OVERVIEW

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations (DLLR) Division administers the Unemployment Insurance Program for Maryland that provides benefits to persons who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who are ready, willing and able to work, and actively seeking work.

The Maryland state UI law requires that:

- You must be unemployed, able to work, and available for suitable work. (You may be eligible if you are employed less than full time);
- You must register for work and file a claim at a local public employment service/UI claim office;
- You must continue to report to the office as directed; and
- You must have had a certain amount of employment/wages within a base period of 1 year.

When a Federal employee is placed in a nonpay status, he or she may be entitled to UI benefits. Eligibility for UI cannot be determined until after the employee has filed. Employees filing for UI benefits must provide the following information to their State Unemployment Office:

- Identification Card:
- Social Security Card; and
- Earnings and Leave Statement.

However, to expedite your claim employees may provide the following additional information to their State Unemployment Office:

- Standard Form 8;
- Official notice of recent nonpay status (Standard Form 50, if available); or
- Similar documents that indicate employment in Federal agency.

The "What You Should Know about the Unemployment Insurance in Maryland" pamphlet explains these requirements and will assist you in filing for benefits. For additional information on the requirements for obtaining UI benefits under Maryland, please review the "What You Should Know about the Unemployment Insurance in Maryland" pamphlet at http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/clmtguide/uiclmtpamphlet.pdf.

If you are totally or partially unemployed and wish to apply for benefits, call the DLLR call center or complete an on-line application on the Internet.

Contacting the DLLR:

For a complete listing of DLLR Workforce Center addresses, phone numbers, and hours of operation, visit the VEC web site at:

http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/officenum.shtml

DLLR Call Center:

1-877-293-4125

Internet Address:

http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uibenefits.shtml