**CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**Standby Status**

**8-2017**

**REASONS FOR ADOPTING RULES**

The rule permits employers whose workers will be temporarily laid off for more than four, but fewer than eight, weeks to initiate the request for standby for up to eight weeks. This allows employers a better opportunity to retain a skilled workforce since claimants who are not on standby must look for work. It streamlines agency workload by eliminating the need for a supplemental request when claimants have been approved for four or fewer weeks of standby and the employer anticipates the return date will be longer.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROPOSED RULES AND ADOPTED RULES**

None.

**SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED**

Comment: We received one comment by phone from the business community in favor of the proposed rule.

Response: Thanked the commenter for the input.