

NEW SECTION

WAC 192-320-079 Charging and reimbursement of the first week of benefits while the waiting week is waived by emergency proclamation.

(1) If the first week an individual receives unemployment benefits occurs during any week that contains at least one day wherein the governor has waived or suspended any statute or statutes requiring individuals to be unemployed for a waiting period of one week prior to becoming eligible for unemployment benefits, that first week of benefits will not be charged to the individual's employers' experience rating accounts.

(2)(a) If the first week an individual receives unemployment benefits occurs during any week that contains at least one day wherein the governor has waived or suspended any statute or statutes requiring individuals to be unemployed for a waiting period of one week prior to becoming eligible for unemployment benefits, the department will not require the individual's employers' to make payments in lieu of contributions for that first week of benefits.

(b) For any employer that makes payments in lieu of contributions that has already reimbursed the department for an individual's first week of benefits during any week that contains at least one day wherein the governor has waived or suspended any statute or statutes requiring individuals to be unemployed for a waiting period of one week prior to becoming eligible for unemployment benefits, the department will refund those amounts paid.