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Comments regarding Unemployment Compensation Work Search Requirements published May 5, 2012

Unemployment compensation is intended to provide financial assistance to someone who has lost their job through no fault of their own; providing a financial bridge between losing one job and securing another. Unemployment compensation cannot be a lifestyle!

The Manufacturers' Association of South Central Pennsylvania supports the revisions made to the unemployment compensation rules and regulations as they pertain to work search requirements with the following recommended changes:
Remove:

(e) *Alternative requirements.*

(1) Work search activities under subsection (d) are not required for a week if either of the following apply:

(i) The claimant meets all of the following:

(A) Is a member of a union that has a hiring hall or the claimant is registered with a hiring hall.

(B) Is required to obtain employment through the hiring hall.

(C) Fulfills the requirements to maintain eligibility for referral by the hiring hall during the week.

Dynamics in the business and resultant labor market have and always will fluctuate; therefore providing exclusionary action due to unionism is unwise. Regardless if an individual has lost employment from a union or non-union work site, the responsibility related to benefiting from unemployment compensation remains the same.

Please contact me if further explanation is required or with any pertinent questions.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Smeltzer