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for the two years. The quotient obtained shall be computed to four decimal places and not otherwise rounded, and shall be expressed as a percentage by multiplying the resultant decimal fraction by 100. The average of the rates for the corresponding 13-week periods in each of the two preceding calendar years shall be one-half the sum of such rates computed to four decimal places and not otherwise rounded. To determine which are the corresponding weeks in the preceding years—

(i) The weeks shall be numbered starting with week number 1 as the first week ending in each calendar year.

(ii) The 13-week period ending with any numbered week in the current year shall correspond to the period ending with that same numbered week in each preceding year.

(iii) When that period in the current year ends with week number 53, the corresponding period in preceding years shall end with week number 52 if there is no week number 53.

(d) *Amendment of State indicator rates.*
(1) Because figures used for determinations under this section may contain errors and because it is not practical to apply any correction in a State “on” or “off” or “no change” indicator retroactively either to recover amounts paid or to adjudicate claims for past periods in which claimants failed to make the required active search for work, any determination by the head of a State agency of an “on” or “off” or “no change” indicator shall not be corrected more than three weeks after the close of the week to which it applies. If any figure used in the computation of a rate of insured unemployment is later found to be wrong, the correct figure shall be used to redetermine the rate of insured unemployment and of the 120 percent factor for that week and all subsequent weeks, but no determination of previous “on” or “off” or “no change” indicator shall be affected unless the redetermination is made within the time the indicator may be corrected under the first sentence of this paragraph (d)(1). Any change hereunder shall be subject to the concurrence of the Department as provided in paragraph (e) of this section.

(2) Any determination of the rate of insured unemployment and its effect on an “on” or “off” or “no change” indicator may be challenged by appeal or by other proceedings, as shall be provided by State law, but the implementation of any change in the indicator from one week to another shall not be stayed or postponed. In a hearing on any such challenge the issue may be limited to the accuracy of the determination of the rate of insured unemployment. If an error in that rate affecting the “on” or “off” or “no change” indicator is discovered in such a hearing or other proceeding, its retroactive effect shall be limited as provided in paragraph (d)(1).

(e) *Notice to Secretary.* Within 10 calendar days after the end of any week with respect to which the head of a State agency has determined that there is an “on,” or “off,” or “no change” indicator in the State, the head of the State agency shall notify the Department of the determination. The notice shall state clearly the State agency head’s determination of the specific week for which there is a State “on” or “off” or “no change” indicator. The notice shall include also the State agency head’s findings supporting the determination, with a certification that the findings are made in accordance with the requirements of this §615.15. Determinations and findings made as provided in this section shall be accepted by the Department, but the head of the State agency shall comply with such provisions as the Department may find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of notices given under this paragraph. A notice shall not become final for purposes of the Act and this part until such notice is accepted by the Department.

§615.13 Announcement of the beginning and ending of Extended Benefit Periods.

(a) *State indicators.* Upon receipt of the notice required by §615.12(e) which is acceptable to the Department, the Department shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of the State agency head’s determination that there is an “on” or an “off” indicator in the State, as the case may be, the name of the State and the beginning or ending

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of the Extended Benefit Period, whichever is appropriate. The Department shall also notify appropriate news media, the heads of all other State agencies, and the Regional Administrators of the Employment and Training Administration of the State agency head's determination of such State "on" or "off" indicator and of its effect.

(b) *Publicity by State.* Whenever a State agency head determines that there is an "on" indicator in the State by reason of which an Extended Benefit Period will begin in the State, or an "off" indicator by reason of which an Extended Benefit Period in the State will end, the head of the State agency shall promptly announce the determination through appropriate news media in the State and notify the Department in accordance with §615.12(e). Such announcement shall include the beginning or ending date of the Extended Benefit Period, whichever is appropriate. In the case of an Extended Benefit Period that is about to begin, the announcement shall describe clearly the unemployed individuals who may be eligible for Extended Benefits during the period, and in the case of an Extended Benefit Period that is about to end, the announcement shall also describe clearly the individuals whose entitlement to Extended Benefits will be terminated.

(c) *Notices to individuals.* (1) Whenever there has been a determination that an Extended Benefit Period will begin in a State, the State agency shall provide prompt written notice of potential entitlement to Extended Benefits to each individual who has established a benefit year in the State that will not end prior to the beginning of the Extended Benefit Period, and who exhausted all rights under the State law to regular compensation before the beginning of the Extended Benefit Period.

(2) The State agency shall provide such notice promptly to each individual who begins to claim sharable regular benefits or who exhausts all rights under the State law to regular compensation during an Extended Benefit Period, including exhaustion by reason of the expiration of the individual's benefit year.

(3) The notices required by paragraphs (c) (1) and (2) of this section shall describe those actions required of claimants for sharable regular compensation and Extended Benefits and those disqualifications which apply to such benefits which are different from those applicable to other claimants for regular compensation which is not sharable.

(4) Whenever there has been a determination that an Extended Benefit Period will end in a State, the State agency shall provide prompt written notice to each individual who is currently filing claims for Extended Benefits of the forthcoming end of the Extended Benefit Period and its effect on the individual's right to Extended Benefits.

§ 615.14 Payments to States.

(a) *Sharable compensation.* (1) The Department shall promptly upon receipt of a State's report of its expenditures for a calendar month reimburse the State in the amount of the sharable compensation the State is entitled to receive under the Act and this part.

(2) The Department may instead advance to a State for any period not greater than one day the amount the Department estimates the State will be entitled to be paid under the Act and this part for that period.

(3) Any payment to a State under this section shall be based upon the Department's determination of the amount the State is entitled to be paid under the Act and this part, and such amount shall be reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any amount by which the Department finds that a previous payment was greater or less than the amount that should have been paid to the State.

(4) Any payment to a State pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall be made by a transfer from the extended unemployment compensation account in the Unemployment Trust Fund to the account of the State in such Fund, in accordance with section 204(e) of the Act.

(b) *Payments not to be made to States.* Because a State law must contain provisions fully consistent with sections 202 and 203 of the Act, the Department shall make no payment under paragraph (a) of this section, whether or