



March 20, 2020

## Emergency Rule Concerning COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020

### Justification

In accordance with §§ 8-72-102 and 24-4-103, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), an emergency rule is adopted.

The Division of Unemployment Insurance is responsible for administering Articles 70 through 82 of Title 8, C.R.S., connected to paying unemployment insurance benefits to stabilize the workforce and to minimize the impact of unemployment on the state's economy.

In order to respond to the potential economic crisis created by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, the Division of Unemployment Insurance seeks to codify a modification to the definitions of the waiting week, job-search requirements, and benefit charging. For the duration of the pandemic, the waiting week and job-search requirements are waived. Charges to an employer's account associated with any benefits paid during the COVID-19 pandemic shall not be charged directly against the contributing employer's account, thus not affecting a contributing employer's rate. Finally, the Division is adding an allowance for employers who are unable to meet the required deadlines for submitting quarterly reports and paying unemployment insurance premiums as a result of effects from a COVID-19 outbreak.

This emergency rule is adopted and shall be effective March 20, 2020.

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Joe Barela  
Executive Director

