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PUA Applications Due Before March 27, 2023

The CNMI Department of Labor would like to notify the public that both **Initial Applications** and **Weekly Certification Forms** for the **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)** Program will no longer be accepted by the Department effective **March 27, 2023**.

Additionally, the Department would like to clarify the following:

- Initial Applications and Weekly Certification Forms *previously* submitted to the Department that are still unprocessed **do not need to be resubmitted**, *unless* requested by your respective adjudicator.
- Supporting Documents for existing claims will still be accepted beyond March 27, 2023.
- Although the PUA Program's *Period of Performance* has been extended by the U.S. Department of Labor - ETA to **June 30, 2024**, the **Benefits Period** remains the same and is as follows:
 - **PUA Phase 1** (February 2, 2020 - December 26, 2020)
 - **PUA Phase 2** (December 27, 2020 - March 13, 2021)
 - **PUA Phase 3** (March 14, 2021 - October 4, 2021)

Please contact the PUA program via email at info@puamarianas.com or by phone at (670) 322-8870/71/72 or (670) 664-3298 for further information about this announcement.

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