



## **October 1 Changes to Unemployment Insurance Law**

Earlier this year the Indiana General Assembly passed a new law making several changes to unemployment insurance. The changes taking place on October 1, 2011 are listed below.

### **Changes to Eligibility**

Employees who accept payment in exchange for voluntarily resigning or retiring are no longer eligible for unemployment insurance.

### **Changes to Severance Pay**

All individuals who receive severance pay and are determined to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits will not be able to begin collecting benefits until they have exhausted their severance pay. However, immediately after becoming unemployed those receiving severance pay should apply for unemployment insurance benefits.

- For example: If you receive 8 weeks of severance pay, you will not begin to collect unemployment insurance benefits until week 9. Your severance pay will not reduce your maximum benefit amount; it will only postpone your first unemployment insurance payment.

For more information please see the unemployment insurance claimant handbook located at [http://www.in.gov/dwd/files/Claimant\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dwd/files/Claimant_Handbook.pdf).