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Sommario/riassunto	However, benefits will begin to accrue to the unemployed in the week following the state having signed the agreement. [...] Temporary Expansion in EB Eligibility, at States' Option ARRA temporarily expands, at the option of the states, eligibility for the EB program. ⁵ As the EB program has operated in the past, a beneficiary had to be within his/her original "benefit year" when the EB program triggered "on" in the state in order to receive EB benefits. [...] ARRA allows states the option of temporarily ignoring the benefit year requirement and instead using exhaustion of EUC08 benefits as an eligibility requirement for weeks of EB benefit payments that fall between enactment of the stimulus package and before January 1, 2010, and as long as the state is triggered "on" for EB during the period when the individual was receiving EUC08. [...] Unemployment Modernization Provisions in ARRA ARRA provides for a special transfer of up to a total of \$7 billion from the federal unemployment account (FUA) within the UTF to the State accounts within the UTF8 as "incentive payments" for changing certain state UC laws. [...] All states must apply to the Department of Labor for certification to receive the first third and remaining two-thirds of the state's share of the \$7 billion for modernization of state unemployment compensation programs.

