



Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

News Release

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Unemployed Alabamians Begin Receiving Additional \$25 Benefits

MONTGOMERY – Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Director Tom Surtees announced today that unemployed Alabamians will begin receiving the additional \$25 weekly benefit included in the federal economic stimulus program today.

The Alabama Department of Industrial Relations began paying the additional benefit last night, so claimants should see the deposits on their bank statements or debit card statements today.

“I know that during these tough economic times, every little bit helps,” said Surtees. “DIR is acting quickly to ensure that unemployed Alabamians get the additional benefit in a timely manner.”

Last night’s deposits represent benefits for the week ending February 28. DIR will make another deposit tonight for benefits for the week ending March 7. They will show on claimants’ statements as single deposits. Next week, the additional benefit will post to claimants’ accounts as a separate deposit *along* with their regular unemployment compensation benefits.

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Members of the media seeking more information should contact Public Information Officer Tara Hutchison at (334) 242-8616.