Employers: Control Your UI Costs!

1. Report the reason a former employee is unemployed

When an individual applies for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, the Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance (Division) requests information from the employer(s). **You are required to:**

- Return the Request for Separation Information by the due date listed on the form. Otherwise, fines may be assessed; and,
- Submit the form via: BEACON (<u>employer.beacon.labor.md.gov/</u>),State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) (<u>labor.maryland.gov/employment/uisides.shtml</u>), or mail (to the address on the form).

If the Division requests additional information, please provide it in a timely manner.

2. Report new hires and rehires in the Maryland New Hire Registry at mdnewhire.com

- You are required to reporting new hires and rehires timely. Reporting this information helps to prevent an individual improperly collecting UI benefits after returning to work.
- 3. Attend appeal hearings
 - If you appeal a determination that awarded benefits to your former employee, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the appeal hearing. This hearing is the last opportunity for the former employee or employer to present evidence. The decision is made on the evidence presented.

4. File quarterly tax and wage reports and pay taxes on time

Paying taxes properly enhances the solvency of the UI trust fund. Accurately reporting wages helps the Division correctly determine a claimant's eligibility for UI benefits.

- You are required to file reports and pay taxes on time. If you fail to do so, you may be assessed penalties, with interest, and increase your federal UI liability.
- □ Payment plans are available for qualified employers.

To report UI fraud, submit a **Request for Investigation of Unemployment Insurance Fraud form** (<u>labor.maryland.gov/forms/uifraudtipform.pdf</u>) by:

- email ui.fraud@maryland.gov;
- fax 410-767-2610; or,
- mail Attn: Benefit Payment Control, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower 1, Baltimore, MD 21201.

