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Fraudulent pandemic unemployment claims reported

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PITTSFIELD — Several Berkshire County residents were contacted over the holiday weekend by scammers regarding fraudulent pandemic unemployment insurance claims, according to the MassHire Berkshire Workforce Board.

"People who are working received a letter over the weekend that their claim was approved, but they never filed a claim," said Heather Boulger, the workforce board's executive director. "Unfortunately, this is happening across the country."

Those who receive letters regarding unemployment insurance claims that they did not file can report the incident to the state Unemployment Insurance Program Integrity Department at <https://www.mass.gov/forms/report-unemployment-insurance-fraud-online>. A representative of that agency will contact respondents after they have filled out and filed the form.