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compensation filed solely under 5 U.S.C. chapter 85; and

(ii) The report of the number of continued weeks claimed filed in the State for regular compensation shall not be adjusted for seasonality.

(3) The average weekly number of weeks claimed in claims filed in the most recent calendar week and the immediately preceding 12 calendar weeks.

(4) The rate of insured unemployment for the current 13-week period.

(5) The average of the rates of insured unemployment in corresponding 13-week periods in the preceding two years.

(6) The current rate of insured unemployment as a percentage of the average of the rates in the corresponding 13-week periods in the preceding two years.

(7) The 12 month average monthly employment covered by the State law for the first 4 of the last 6 complete calendar quarters ending prior to the end of the last week of the current 13week period to which the insured unemployment data relate. Such covered employment shall exclude Federal civilian and military employment covered by 5 U.S.C. chapter 85.

(8) The date that a State Extended Benefit Period begins or ends, or a report that there is no change in the existing Extended Benefit Period status.

(d) *Methodology*. The State agency head shall submit to the Department, for approval, the method used to identify and select the weeks claimed which are used in the determination of an "on" or "off" or "no change" indicator. Any change proposed in the method of identification and selection of such weeks claimed constitutes a new plan which must be submitted to and approved by the Department prior to implementing the new plan.

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PART 616—INTERSTATE ARRANGE-MENT FOR COMBINING EMPLOY-MENT AND WAGES

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§616.1 Purpose of arrangement.

This arrangement is approved by the Secretary under the provisions of section 3304(a)(9)(B) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act to establish a system whereby an unemployed worker with covered employment or wages in more than one State may combine all such employment and wages in one State, in order to qualify for benefits or to receive more benefits.

§616.2 Consultation with the State agencies.

As required by section 3304(a)(9)(B), this arrangement has been developed in consultation with the State unemployment compensation agencies. For purposes of such consultation in its formulation and any future amendment the Secretary recognizes, as agents of the State agencies, the duly designated representatives of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA).

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§616.3 Interstate cooperation.

Each State agency will cooperate with every other State agency by implementing such rules, regulations, and procedures as may be prescribed for the operation of this arrangement. Each State agency shall identify the paying and the transferring State with respect to Combined-Wage Claims filed in its State.

§616.4 Rules, regulations, procedures, forms—resolution of disagreements.

All State agencies shall operate in accordance with such rules, regulations, and procedures, and shall use