

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**CALEB M STURTZ**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 22A-UI-09565-DZ-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

**OC: 01/09/22  
Claimant: Appellant (6)**

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Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able to and Available for work  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e – Procedures for workers desiring to file a claim for benefits  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.23 (11) – Failure to Report  
Iowa Code § 96.4(7) – Reemployment services  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.6 – Profiling for reemployment services  
Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Claims Bureau Subsequent Action  
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.11 - Motions

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Caleb M Sturtz, the claimant/appellant, filed an appeal from the April 7, 2022, (reference 04) unemployment insurance (UI) decision that denied benefits as of April 3, 2022 because he did not report to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) for a reemployment and eligibility assessment. Before a hearing was held, IWD issued a favorable UI decision to Mr. Sturtz dated May 19, 2022, (reference 05) finding him eligible for UI benefits as of April 3, 2022 because he has since participated in the assessment. The reference 05 UI decision made the issue on appeal moot. Therefore, no testimony or additional evidence was necessary. No hearing was held.

**ISSUE:**

Should the most recent UI decision be affirmed?  
Should the appeal be dismissed as moot?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

These findings of fact are based on the pertinent agency documents relating to Mr. Sturtz and his appeal. An April 7, 2022 (reference 04) UI decision determined that Mr. Sturtz was not eligible for UI benefits as of April 3, 2022, because he did not report to IWD as required. Mr. Sturtz appealed this decision. Before a hearing was held, IWD issued a favorable UI decision to Mr. Sturtz. The May 19, 2022, (reference 05) concluded that Mr. Sturtz is eligible for UI benefits as of April 3, 2022 as long as he meets all the other eligibility requirements. The department asked that the appeal be dismissed. The reference 05 UI decision resolved the only issue on appeal in the Mr. Sturtz's favor, making the appeal moot.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot. *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (Iowa 2005). “A case is moot if it no longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent.” *Iowa Bankers Ass’n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep’t*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983)

The UI decision Mr. Sturtz appealed was amended in his favor, making this appeal moot. The appeal of the original representative’s April 7, 2022, (reference 04) UI decision is dismissed. The most recent UI decision, the May 19, 2022, (reference 05) decision is affirmed.

**DECISION:**

The appeal is dismissed as moot. The May 19, 2022, (reference 05) UI decision is affirmed.



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