

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**SHARON M WEIGEL**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 15A-UI-03946-H2T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 02/08/15  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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Iowa Code § 96.4(3) - Adequate Work Search

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the March 24, 2015, reference 02, decision. The decision warned that the claimant may be disqualified for future weeks in which benefits are claimed and fewer than two in-person job contacts are made but did not deny benefits for that week. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on May 11, 2015. The claimant did participate in the hearing. Claimant's Exhibit A was entered and received into the record.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the warning to make two or more in-person job contacts per week is appropriate.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant filed a claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of February 8, 2015. During the week ending March 21, 2015 the claimant failed to conduct at least two in-person work searches because she was ill and hospitalized for three days that week.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in § 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in § 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept

suitable work of § 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under § 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

The claimant is obligated to make at least two in-person work searches during each week benefits are claimed. The claimant failed to do so. Accordingly, the warning was appropriate.

**DECISION:**

The March 24, 2015, reference 02, decision is affirmed. The decision warning the claimant to conduct at least two in-person work searches during each week benefits are claimed was appropriate.

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Teresa K. Hillary  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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