

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**PAMELA S BRANCHINI**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 13A-UI-12360-HT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 11/04/12**  
**Claimant: Appellant (2)**

871 IAC 24.2(1)e – Failure to Report

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant, Pamela Branchini, filed an appeal from a decision dated October 22, 2013, reference 01. The decision denied unemployment benefits because she failed to report as directed to Iowa Workforce Development. After due notice was issued a hearing was held by telephone conference call on November 27, 2013. The claimant participated on her own behalf.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant failed to report as directed.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The claimant was instructed to report to her local Workforce Center no later than October 17, 2013. The claimant failed to report because she was on vacation in another state and did not know a Workforce representative was going to call until she got the voice mail message later that day.

After receiving the message she did get a copy of the notice form and filled it out with the required information.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

871 IAC 24.2(1)e provides:

e. In order to maintain continuing eligibility for benefits during any continuous period of unemployment, an individual shall report as directed to do so by an authorized representative of the department. If the individual has moved to another locality, the individual may register and report in person at a workforce development center at the time previously specified for the reporting.

The method of reporting and the payment of benefits, provided the individual is otherwise eligible, shall be on a biweekly basis by mail if the claimant files a Form 60-0151.

The method of reporting shall be weekly if a voice response continued claim is filed, unless otherwise directed by an authorized representative of the department. An individual who files a voice response continued claim will have the benefit payment automatically deposited weekly in the individual's financial institution's account or be paid by the mailing of a warrant on a biweekly basis.

In order for an individual to receive payment by direct deposit, the individual must provide the department with the appropriate bank routing code number and a checking or savings account number.

The department retains the ultimate authority to choose the method of reporting and payment.

The claimant's reason for failing to report as directed does constitute good cause. She responded with the required information as soon as possible after receiving the voice mail message.

**DECISION:**

The representative's decision of October 22, 2013, reference 01, is reversed. Pamela Branchini is eligible for benefits for the one-week period ending October 19, 2013.

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Bonny G. Hendricksmeier  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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