

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

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**HEIDI M SHULL**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO. 06A-UI-10631-CT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**A WOMAN'S LIFE INC**  
Employer

**OC: 09/17/06 R: 03**  
**Claimant: Respondent (1)**

Section 96.3(5) – Duration of Benefits

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

A Woman's Life, Inc. filed an appeal from a representative's decision dated October 23, 2006, reference 02, which held that Heidi Shull was laid off due to her employer going out of business. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone on December 5, 2006. Ms. Shull participated personally. The employer participated by Steve Vickrey, Operations Manager.

**ISSUE:**

At issue in this matter is whether the employer has gone out of business at the location where Ms. Shull was last employed.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having heard the testimony of the witnesses and having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Ms. Shull began working for A Woman's Life, Inc. on February 28, 2005 as a full-time medical assistant in the employer's practice. The work was performed at 212 West Dale Street in Waterloo, Iowa. Dr. Jenny Vickrey discontinued her practice effective August 31, 2006. The medical practice known as A Woman's Life, Inc. no longer exists. The business location is currently vacant.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

It is undisputed that A Woman's Life, Inc. no longer exists as a business at the location where Ms. Shull last worked. It was not sold or otherwise transferred to a different entity that continued to operate the practice. Inasmuch as the practice ceased to exist to the public, the administrative law judge concludes that the employer has gone out of business within the intent and meaning of Iowa Code section 96.3(5). As such, Ms. Shull is entitled to have her claim re-determined.

**DECISION:**

The representative's decision dated October 23, 2006, reference 02, is hereby affirmed. Ms. Shull became unemployed when her employer went out of business. The request to have her claim determined under the business closing provisions of the law is allowed.

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Carolyn F. Coleman  
Administrative Law Judge

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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