IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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SANDRA J STICKLEY

Claimant

APPEAL NO. 14A-UI-05740-H2T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 03/30/14

Claimant: Appellant (2)

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the May 27, 2014, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that denied benefits. A review of the claimant's appeal letter made clear that no additional information was needed and no hearing was held.

ISSUE:

Was the claimant able to and available for work?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant inadvertently indicated she was not able to and available for work when filing her claim online for the week ending April 19, 2014. The claimant was able to and available for work during the week ending April 19, 2014.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has made appropriate in-person work search contacts.

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 section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 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 section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

The claimant has sufficiently demonstrated to the satisfaction of the administrative law judge that claimant was available for work the week ending April 19, 2014. Accordingly, benefits are allowed.

DECISION:

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The May 27, 2014 (reference 01), decision is reversed. The claimant did make herself available for work the week ending April 18, 2014. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Teresa K. Hillary
Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed