

**BEFORE THE
EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
Lucas State Office Building
Fourth floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

LISA M HARRIS	:	
	:	HEARING NUMBER: 21B-UI-02517
Claimant	:	
	:	
and	:	EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
	:	DECISION
QHC FORT DODGE VILLA LLC	:	
	:	
Employer	:	

SECTION: 10A.601 Employment Appeal Board Review

DECISION

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The issue of timeliness was raised when the Claimant filed an appeal postmarked April 6, 2021, eight days beyond the statutory deadline of March 29, 2021. The reason for the delay was because the notice was sent to the Claimant’s old address. For this reason, we find good cause has been established for the late appeal, and the board shall consider it to be timely.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The notice of hearing in this matter was mailed February 12, 2021. The notice set a hearing for March 5, 2021. The Claimant did not appear for or participate in the hearing. The reason the Claimant did not appear is because she had a change of address, which she reported numerous times, but without success. The notice went to her old address. The Claimant did not know the hearing was taking place.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Iowa Code section 10A.601(4) (2019) provides:

4. Appeal board review. The appeal board may on its own motion affirm, modify, or set aside any decision of an administrative law judge on the basis of the evidence previously submitted in such a case, or direct the taking of additional evidence, or may permit any of the parties to such decision to initiate further appeals before it. The appeal board shall permit such further appeal by any of the parties interested in a decision of an administrative law judge and by the representative whose decision has been overruled or modified by the administrative law judge. The appeal board shall review the case pursuant to rules adopted by the appeal board. The appeal board shall promptly notify the interested parties of its findings and decision.

Here the Claimant did not participate in the hearing through no fault of the Claimant. The Claimant did not participate because she had a change of address, which she reported. She did not timely receive the notice and did not know that a hearing was taking place. For this reason, the matter will be remanded for another hearing before an administrative law judge.

DECISION:

The decision of the administrative law judge dated March 12, 2021 is not vacated and remains in force unless and until the Department makes a differing determination pursuant to this remand. This matter is remanded to an administrative law judge in the Workforce Development Center, Appeals Section. The administrative law judge shall conduct a hearing following due notice. After the hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision which provides the parties appeal rights.

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