

**BEFORE THE
EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
Lucas State Office Building, 4TH Floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
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LILIANA MARTINEZ

Claimant

: **APPEAL NUMBER:** 23B-UI-01722

: **ALJ HEARING NUMBER:** 23A-UI-01722

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and

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**EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
DECISION**

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TYSON FRESH MEATS INC

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Employer

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SECTION: 10A.601 Employment Appeal Board Review

DECISION

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The notice of hearing in this matter was mailed February 22, 2023. The notice set a hearing for March 7, 2023. The Claimant did not appear for or participate in the hearing. The reason the Claimant did not appear is because she experienced two significant medical events (birth of her child and subsequent hospitalization) surrounding the time of the hearing. She did not receive the Notice of Hearing, and 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 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 did not receive the Notice of Hearing due to being hospitalized for medical issues. Based on this circumstance, we find the Claimant has provided good cause for her nonparticipation. 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 8, 2023 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 who shall conduct a hearing following due notice. After the hearing, the administrative law judge shall issue a decision which provides the parties appeal rights.

Please note the way you appear at the hearing has changed. When you receive the Notice of Hearing, please read and follow the instructions carefully.

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