

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

**PAULA S TJEPKES
A/K/A PAULA S POPKES**
Claimant

**APPEAL 17A-UI-04844-CL-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 02/12/17
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

Iowa Code § 96.6(1) – Filing Claims
Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)g – Retroactive Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the April 28, 2017, (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision that denied the request for retroactive benefits. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for May 24, 2017. Claimant participated. Claimant's Exhibit A was received.

ISSUE:

Should the claimant's request for retroactive benefits be granted for the six-week period ending April 22, 2017?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and having reviewed the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed a claim effective February 12, 2017. She did not file continued claims by online web application for the six-week period ending April 22, 2017, because she received a March 14, 2017, unemployment insurance decision finding her disqualified from receiving benefits. Claimant timely appealed the decision. On April 18, 2017, an administrative law judge issued a decision reversing the disqualification decision and finding claimant eligible for benefits. Claimant inquired with the agency on April 26, 2017, about obtaining benefits for the six weeks ending April 22, 2017, during which she did not file continued weekly claims.

Claimant did not read the back of the unemployment insurance decision or the back of the appeal hearing notice that instruct claimants to continue filing weekly claims while an appeal is pending.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant's request for retroactive benefits is denied.

Iowa Code § 96.6(1) provides:

96.6 Filing — determination — appeal.

1. *Filing.* Claims for benefits shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the department may prescribe.

In order to be eligible for weekly benefits, the claimant must file an online web application continued claim or show good cause for the failure to do so to support a request for retroactive benefits. Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)g.

Claimant's failure to read and follow the instructions on the back of the unemployment insurance decision or the back of the appeal hearing notice about continuing to file claims during the appeal process is not considered a good reason for having failed to file weekly online web application continued claims. Retroactive benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The April 28, 2017, (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. The claimant's request for retroactive benefits is denied.

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