

**IN THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

STEPHANIE M STEVENSON
Claimant

ANAMAN CONCIERGE SERVICE LLC
Employer

APPEAL 24A-UI-07838-SN-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
AMENDED DECISION**

**OC: 06/02/24
Claimant: Respondent (1-R)**

Iowa Code § 96.6(2) – Timeliness of Protest
Iowa Code § 96.7(2)a(6) – Appeal from the Statement of Charges

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On September 3, 2024, Amaman Concierge Service LLC (employer) filed an appeal from the statement of charges dated August 9, 2024, reference 07, for the second quarter of 2024. A hearing was held on September 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., pursuant to due notice. Stephanie M. Stevenson (the claimant) participated. The employer participated through its President and Chief Executive Officer Felix Anaman. The employer was represented by Laura Folkerts, attorney-at-law. Exhibits 1, D1, D2, and D3 were received.

This amendment is to clarify the claimant was terminated in 2023 rather than 2024.

ISSUES:

Was the employer's protest timely?
Was the employer's appeal from the statement of charges timely?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds:

The claimant filed an original claim for benefits on June 2, 2024. The claimant's weekly benefit amount on this claim is \$659.00. The notice of claim was mailed to the employer's address of record on June 5, 2024. The employer did not receive the notice of claim.

The employer received a statement of charges dated August 9, 2024, for the second quarter of 2024. (Exhibit D1) The statement included a charge for benefits paid to the claimant beginning June 2, 2024. (Exhibit D2) The employer appealed this statement of charges on September 3, 2024. (Exhibit D3)

The employer reports the claimant quit around midnight between December 29, 2023, and December 30, 2023. It provided what it alleges is video of the claimant quitting. (Exhibit 1) The claimant vigorously disputes both the nature and the date of the separation. She contends she was terminated on December 25, 2023.

The claimant's wage records show she separated from the employer in the first quarter of 2024. It also shows the claimant earned \$8,884.00 in the second quarter of 2024. The second quarter ends on June 30, 2024.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge concludes the employer filed an appropriate appeal to the statement of charges because it did not receive the notice of claim. The employer timely filed its appeal to the statement of charges.

Iowa Code section 96.6(2) provides, in pertinent part:

2. Initial determination. A representative designated by the director shall promptly notify all interested parties to the claim of its filing, and the parties have ten days from the date of mailing the notice of the filing of the claim by ordinary mail to the last known address to protest payment of benefits to the claimant.

Iowa Code section 96.7(2)a(6) provides:

2. Contribution rates based on benefit experience.

a. (6) Within forty days after the close of each calendar quarter, the department shall notify each employer of the amount of benefits charged to the employer's account during that quarter. The notification shall show the name of each individual to whom benefits were paid, the individual's social security number, and the amount of benefits paid to the individual. An employer which has not been notified as provided in section 96.6, subsection 2, of the allowance of benefits to an individual, *may within thirty days after the date of mailing of the notification appeal to the department for a hearing to determine the eligibility of the individual to receive benefits.* The appeal shall be referred to an administrative law judge for hearing and the employer and the individual shall receive notice of the time and place of the hearing. [Emphasis added.]

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.4 provides, in relevant part:

2. An appeal from an initial decision concerning the allowance or denial of benefits shall be filed, by mail, facsimile, or e-mail, online, or in person, not later than ten calendar days, as determined by the postmark or the date stamp after the decision was mailed to the party at its last-known address and shall state the following:

- a. The name, address and social security number of the claimant;
- b. A reference to the decision from which appeal is taken; and,
- c. The grounds upon which the appeal is based.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subrule 26.4(2), a contributory employer, which has not previously received a notice of the filing of a valid claim for benefits, may appeal an individual's eligibility to receive benefits within 30 days from the mailing date of the quarterly statement of benefit charges.

4. Also notwithstanding the provisions of subrule 26.4(2), a reimbursable employer, which has not previously received a notice of the filing of a valid claim for benefits, may appeal an individual's eligibility to receive benefits within 15 days of the mailing date of the quarterly billing of benefit charges.

The administrative law judge concludes that the employer timely protested its first notice of the unemployment insurance claim by appealing the statement of charges. The employer's appeal of the Statement of Charges within thirty days is timely.

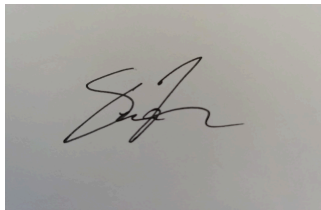
I further observe that the claimant may have requalified for benefits since the separation from this employer. Accordingly, I am remanding to the Benefits Bureau confirmation the claimant has earned enough from a subsequent employer to requalify for benefits, and if she has not re-qualified, for there to be a determination whether the separation is disqualifying, with appeal rights given to both parties.

DECISION:

The August 9, 2024, reference 07, statement of charges for the second quarter of 2024 is affirmed pending the remanded issues to the Benefits Bureau.

REMAND:

I remand to the Benefits Bureau the issue of whether the claimant has earned ten times her weekly benefit amount after separating from this employer. If the claimant has not made ten times her weekly benefit amount, I further remand to the Benefits Bureau the determination of whether the claimant's separation is disqualifying, with appeal rights given to both parties.



Sean M. Nelson
Administrative Law Judge II

September 26, 2024
Decision Dated and Mailed

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APPEAL RIGHTS. If you disagree with the decision, you or any interested party may:

1. Appeal to the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days of the date under the judge's signature by submitting a written appeal via mail, fax, or online to:

**Employment Appeal Board
6200 Park Avenue Suite 100
Des Moines, Iowa 50321
Fax: (515)281-7191
Online: eab.iowa.gov**

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD SHALL STATE CLEARLY:

- 1) The name, address, and social security number of the claimant.
- 2) A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
- 3) That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
- 4) The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

An Employment Appeal Board decision is final agency action. If a party disagrees with the Employment Appeal Board decision, they may then file a petition for judicial review in district court.

2. If no one files an appeal of the judge's decision with the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days, the decision becomes final agency action, and you have the option to file a petition for judicial review in District Court within thirty (30) days after the decision becomes final. Additional information on how to file a petition can be found at Iowa Code §17A.19, which is online at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf> or by contacting the District Court Clerk of Court <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/court-directory/>.

Note to Parties: YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in the appeal or obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds.

Note to Claimant: It is important that you file your weekly claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

A true and correct copy of this decision was mailed to each of the parties listed.

DERECHOS DE APELACIÓN. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, usted o cualquier parte interesada puede:

1. Apelar a la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo dentro de los quince (15) días de la fecha bajo la firma del juez presentando una apelación por escrito por correo, fax o en línea a:

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El período de apelación se extenderá hasta el siguiente día hábil si el último día para apelar cae en fin de semana o día feriado legal.

UNA APELACIÓN A LA JUNTA DEBE ESTABLECER CLARAMENTE:

- 1) El nombre, dirección y número de seguro social del reclamante.
- 2) Una referencia a la decisión de la que se toma la apelación.
- 3) Que se interponga recurso de apelación contra tal decisión y se firme dicho recurso.
- 4) Los fundamentos en que se funda dicho recurso.

Una decisión de la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo es una acción final de la agencia. Si una de las partes no está de acuerdo con la decisión de la Junta de Apelación de Empleo, puede presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el tribunal de distrito.

2. Si nadie presenta una apelación de la decisión del juez ante la Junta de Apelaciones Laborales dentro de los quince (15) días, la decisión se convierte en acción final de la agencia y usted tiene la opción de presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el Tribunal de Distrito dentro de los treinta (30) días después de que la decisión adquiriera firmeza. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre cómo presentar una petición en el Código de Iowa §17A.19, que se encuentra en línea en <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf> o comunicándose con el Tribunal de Distrito Secretario del tribunal <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/court-directory/>.

Nota para las partes: USTED PUEDE REPRESENTARSE en la apelación u obtener un abogado u otra parte interesada para que lo haga, siempre que no haya gastos para Workforce Development. Si desea ser representado por un abogado, puede obtener los servicios de un abogado privado o uno cuyos servicios se paguen con fondos públicos.

Nota para el reclamante: es importante que presente su reclamo semanal según las instrucciones, mientras esta apelación está pendiente, para proteger su derecho continuo a los beneficios.

SERVICIO DE INFORMACIÓN:

Se envió por correo una copia fiel y correcta de esta decisión a cada una de las partes enumeradas.