

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

---

**SAMANTHA E WOHLERT**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 18A-UI-04131-H2T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 05/28/17  
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 March 30, 2018, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that denied the request for retroactive benefits. After due notice was issued, a telephone conference hearing was held on April 25, 2018.

**ISSUE:**

Should the claimant's request for retroactive benefits be granted for the one-week period ending March 17, 2018?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having heard the testimony and having reviewed the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed an original claim effective May 28, 2017 and an additional date of March 11, 2018. The claimant simply forgot to file her weekly continued claim for benefits for the week ending March 17, 2018.

**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 section 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.

The claimant knew how to properly file a weekly continuing claim; she simply forgot to do so for the week ending March 17, 2018. Her failure to file was not due to any agency error or

misinformation. Forgetting to file for a week is not considered good cause for granting retroactive benefits. Retroactive benefits for the one week ending March 17, 2018 must be denied.

**DECISION:**

The March 30, 2018, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. The claimant's request for retroactive benefits is denied.

---

Teresa K. Hillary  
Administrative Law Judge

---

Decision Dated and Mailed

tkh/rvs