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Appeal Number: 04A-UI-08592-H2T
OC: 08-03-04 R: 04
Claimant: Appellant (2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 - Able and Available

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the August 3, 2004, reference 02, decision that found him not able to and available for work. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on August 31, 2004. The claimant did participate. The employer participated through Greg Bolles, Human Resources Manager.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant has a driver's license that allows him to drive only if his vehicle is equipped with a breath ignition system. The claimant's car does not currently have the ignition system necessary for him to drive the car. The claimant's wife is available to drive him to and from a

job interview and if the claimant should become employed he plans to have the ignition system reinstalled on the car so that he can drive it. The claimant does have transportation to both seek work and to get to and from work when he obtains employment.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant is able to work and available for work.

Iowa Code Section 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

The claimant has made arrangements to have reliable transportation to seek work and to get to and from work when he obtains new employment. Accordingly, benefits are allowed.

DECISION:

The August 3, 2004, reference 02, decision is reversed. The claimant is able to work and available for work effective July 4, 2004. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

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