IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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KRISTI NOSBISCH Claimant

APPEAL NO: 10A-UI-17368-BT

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

> OC: 01/17/10 Claimant: Appellant (2)

871 IAC 24.2(1)e - Failure to Report

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Kristi Nosbisch (claimant) appealed an unemployment insurance decision dated December 20, 2010, reference 03, which denied benefits as of November 28, 2010 due to the claimant's failure to report as directed. After a hearing notice was mailed to the party's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on Saturday January 29, 2011. The claimant participated in the hearing. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the party, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant failed to report as directed?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant received a notice to report and was awaiting the telephone call from Iowa Workforce Development. She mistakenly thought the call would be coming on her home phone but it went to her cell phone and she missed it. The claimant immediately called Iowa Workforce but could not reach the person she needed to speak with so she went to her local office and explained what happened.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant failed to report as directed. For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant has established a good cause reason for having failed to report as directed.

871 IAC 24.23(11) provides:

Availability disqualifications. The following are reasons for a claimant being disqualified for being unavailable for work.

(11) Failure to report as directed to workforce development in response to the notice which was mailed to the claimant will result in the claimant being deemed not to meet the availability requirements.

871 IAC 24.2(1)e provides:

e. In order to maintain continuing eligibility for benefits during any continuous period of unemployment, an individual shall report as directed to do so by an authorized representative of the department. If the individual has moved to another locality, the individual may register and report in person at a workforce development center at the time previously specified for the reporting.

The method of reporting and the payment of benefits, provided the individual is otherwise eligible, shall be on a biweekly basis by mail if the claimant files a Form 60-0151.

The method of reporting shall be weekly if a voice response continued claim is filed, unless otherwise directed by an authorized representative of the department. An individual who files a voice response continued claim will have the benefit payment automatically deposited weekly in the individual's financial institution's account or be paid by the mailing of a warrant on a biweekly basis.

In order for an individual to receive payment by direct deposit, the individual must provide the department with the appropriate bank routing code number and a checking or savings account number.

The department retains the ultimate authority to choose the method of reporting and payment.

The administrative law judge is convinced that the claimant did comply with her notice to report and should not be disqualified from receiving benefits.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated December 20, 2010, reference 03, is reversed. The claimant did not fail to report as directed. Benefits are allowed effective November 28, 2010, provided she is otherwise eligible.

Susan D. Ackerman Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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