IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section 1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319 DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

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Appeal Number:04A-UI-11585-DWOC:10/03/04R:02Claimant:Appellant (4)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-3 - Ability to and Availability for Work

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Krista A. Renchin (claimant) appealed a representative's October 18, 2004 decision (reference 03) that concluded she was not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits as of October 10, 2004, because she was hospitalized and was not able to or available for work. After hearing notices were mailed to the parties' last-known addresses of record, an in-person hearing was held on December 7, 2004. The claimant participated in the hearing with Kim Renchin, her mother, and Julie Jorgenson, a co-worker. Brett Gligour, the owner, appeared on the employer's behalf. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the parties, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant able to and available for work as of October 10, 2004?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits during the week of October 3, 2004. The claimant was hospitalized from October 12 through 16, 2004. When the claimant was released from the hospital, she was not restricted from working. The claimant filed a claim for the week ending October 16, 2004.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Each week a claimant files a claim for benefits, she must be able to and available for work. Iowa Code §96.4-3. When the claimant was hospitalized, she was not able to or available for work during the majority of the week ending October 16, 2004. 871 IAC 24.23(2). The claimant is not eligible to receive benefits for the week of October 10 through 16, 2004. The claimant is, however, eligible to receive benefits for the week ending October 9 and as of October 17, 2004, provided she meets all other eligibility requirements.

DECISION:

The representative's October 18, 2004 decision (reference 03) is modified in the claimant's favor. The claimant is not eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits during the week she was hospitalized, October 10 through 16, 2004. The claimant is, however, eligible to receive benefits for other weeks she has filed a claim for benefits, provided she has met all other eligibility requirements.

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