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BOARD OF REVIEW DECISION

Introduction and Procedural History of this Appeal

The claimant appeals a decision by a review examiner of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to deny the claimant benefits following her separation from employment on June 30, 2019. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

On January 16, 2020, the agency initially determined that the claimant was not entitled to unemployment benefits. The claimant appealed and attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on February 15, 2020, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant was not able, available, and actively searching for work and thus, was disqualified under G.L. c. 151A, § 24(b), during the period starting June 30, 2019, and indefinitely thereafter. The Board accepts the claimant's application for review.

Ruling of the Board

After considering the recorded testimony and evidence from the hearing, the review examiner's decision, and the claimant's appeal, we conclude that the review examiner's decision to disqualify the claimant pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 24(b), is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights. The evidence supports disqualification through the week beginning February 23, 2020.

The review examiner's decision is, therefore, affirmed. The claimant is denied benefits for the period from June 30, 2019, to February 29, 2020.

The Board notes that the findings of fact indicate the treatment causing limitations to the claimant's ability to work ended on February 28, 2020. Based upon this information, the DUA will be asked to investigate and issue a new determination as to whether the claimant met the requirements of G.L. c. 151A, § 24(b), beginning March 1, 2020.



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Chairman Paul T. Fitzgerald, Esq. did not participate in this decision.

**ANY FURTHER APPEAL WOULD BE TO A MASSACHUSETTS STATE DISTRICT
COURT (See Section 42, Chapter 151A, General Laws, Enclosed)**

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