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Introduction and Procedural History of this Appeal

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

On April 26, 2025, the agency initially determined that the claimant was not entitled to unemployment benefits. The claimant appealed, and both parties attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on August 23, 2025, the review examiner reversed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant voluntarily left employment for urgent, compelling, and necessitous reasons and, thus, was not disqualified under G.L. c. 151A, § 25(e)(1). The Board accepted the employer'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 employer's appeal, we conclude that the review examiner's decision is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights. We note that, pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 14(d)(3), benefits paid as a result of this separation are not being charged to the employer's account but are being charged to the solvency account.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed. The claimant is entitled to receive benefits for the week beginning November 10, 2024, and for subsequent weeks if otherwise eligible.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS DATE OF DECISION - September 30, 2025 Charlene A. Stawicki, Esq. Member

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ANY FURTHER APPEAL WOULD BE TO A MASSACHUSETTS STATE DISTRICT COURT

(See Section 42, Chapter 151A, General Laws, Enclosed)

The last day to appeal this decision to a Massachusetts District Court is thirty days from the mail date on the first page of this decision. If that thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the last day to appeal this decision is the business day next following the thirtieth day.

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