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### 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 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits in connection with a claim filed in Massachusetts, effective March 15, 2020. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

On September 24, 2020, the agency determined that the claimant was not entitled to PUA benefits. The claimant appealed and attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on January 26, 2021, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant did not show she was working in Massachusetts in 2020 when she was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and, thus, she was ineligible for PUA benefits under § 2102 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. The Board accepted 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 deny benefits, is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights, because the claimant did not show sufficient connection to Massachusetts at the time that she filed her PUA claim.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed. The claimant is denied PUA benefits under her Massachusetts PUA claim from the week ending March 21, 2020.

Because the record indicates that the claimant was working at a business in Maine that was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she may be eligible to file a PUA claim in Maine.



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**BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**DATE OF DECISION - April 9, 2021**



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Member Charlene A. Stawicki, 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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