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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 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

The claimant filed a claim for PUA benefits with the DUA, effective March 22, 2020, which was denied in a determination issued on December 8, 2020. The claimant appealed the determination to the DUA hearings department. Following a hearing on the merits, the review examiner affirmed the agency's initial determination in a decision rendered on July 21, 2021, concluding that the claimant had failed to establish that he was working in Massachusetts when he became unemployed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and, thus, the claimant was not eligible for PUA benefits in Massachusetts. We 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 is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed. The claimant is not entitled to receive PUA benefits as of the week beginning March 22, 2020. The claimant may be entitled to PUA benefits in the state of Virginia.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DATE OF DECISION - July 8, 2022



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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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