IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

DYLAN BAKER Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-23482-LJ-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 03/29/20 Claimant: Appellant (1)

PL 116-136, Sec. 2107 – Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Iowa Code § 96.3(7) – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On October 21, 2021, claimant Dylan Baker appealed the October 12, 2021, (reference 02) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation ("PEUC") benefits in the amount of \$5,733.00 for the thirteen-week period ending November 28, 2020. After due notice was issued, a telephonic hearing was held at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Appeal numbers 21A-UI-23476-LJ-T, 21A-UI-23482-LJ-T, and 21A-UI-23483-LJ-T were heard together and created one record. The claimant, Dylan Baker, participated. Claimant's Exhibits A, B, and C were received and admitted into the record. Department's Exhibits D-1 and D-2 were received and admitted into the record.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant overpaid PEUC benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received PEUC benefits in the gross amount of \$5,733.00 for the thirteen-week period ending November 28, 2020. On June 8, 2021, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 01) that found claimant was ineligible for PEUC benefits. That decision has been affirmed. *See* 21A-UI-23476-LJ-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow the administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has been overpaid PEUC benefits.

PL 116-136 Sec 2107 provides in pertinent part:

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(2) PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT. —

Any agreement under paragraph (1) shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of pandemic emergency unemployment compensation to individuals who—

(A) have exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law or under Federal law with respect to a benefit year (excluding any benefit year that ended before July 1, 2019);

(B) have no rights to regular compensation with respect to a week under such law or any other State unemployment compensation law or to compensation under any other Federal law;

(C) are not receiving compensation with respect to such week under the unemployment compensation law of Canada; and

(D) are able to work, available to work, and actively seeking work.

(emphasis added).

(e) FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS.--

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(2) REPAYMENT.—In the case of individuals who have received amounts of pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under this section to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such pandemic emergency unemployment compensation to the State agency, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that—

(A) the payment of such pandemic emergency unemployment compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

The decision that denied claimant regular unemployment insurance benefits remains in effect. Because claimant is not eligible for UI benefits, claimant is not eligible for PEUC benefits. Therefore, claimant has received PEUC benefits to which they were not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that claimant has been overpaid PEUC benefits in the amount outlined in the findings of fact above. Those benefits must be recovered in accordance with lowa law.

DECISION:

The October 12, 2021 (reference 02) decision is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid PEUC benefits in the amount of \$5,733.00, which must be repaid.

Elizabeth A. Johnson Administrative Law Judge Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau

December 21, 2021 Decision Dated and Mailed

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NOTE TO CLAIMANT:

- This decision determines you have been overpaid PEUC benefits. If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision.
- You may also request a waiver of this overpayment. The written request must include the following information:
 - 1. Claimant name & address.
 - 2. Decision number/date of decision.
 - 3. Dollar amount of overpayment requested for waiver.
 - 4. Relevant facts that you feel would justify a waiver.
- The request should be sent to:

Iowa Workforce Development Overpayment waiver request 1000 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50319

- This Information can also be found on the Iowa Workforce Development website at: <u>https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery</u>.
- If this decision becomes final and you are not eligible for a waiver, you will have to repay the benefits you received.