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Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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Appeal Number: 04A-UI-09455-DT
OC: 05/23/04 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Tamara A. Gavin-Freeman (claimant) appealed a representative's September 2, 2004 decision (reference 04) that concluded she had been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held on September 27, 2004. The claimant participated in the hearing. This appeal was consolidated for hearing with one related appeal, 04A-UI-09454-DT. Based on the evidence, the arguments of the claimant, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision affirming the representative's decision that the claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

A representative issued a decision dated August 27, 2004 (reference 03) that concluded the claimant was disqualified from receiving benefits in connection with a period of unemployment from Willow Pointe Residences, L.L.C. (employer). The overpayment decision was issued in this case as a result of that disqualification decision. As determined in the concurrently issued decision in appeal 04A-UI-09454-DT, that disqualification has now been affirmed.

The claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits effective May 23, 2004. She made weekly claims for partial unemployment insurance benefits, which were paid through the week ending July 31, 2004. For the four weeks ending July 10 through July 31, 2004, the claimant received unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,056.00.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits of \$1,056.00.

Iowa Code Section 96.3-7 provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The decision causing the disqualification has now been affirmed as modified; the reason for the disqualification is somewhat different and more limited, but the period of the disqualification does include the four weeks of July 10 through July 31. The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant is overpaid benefits of \$1,056.00 pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.3-7. Even though those benefits were received in good faith, the overpaid benefits must be recovered in accordance with the provisions of Iowa law.

DECISION:

The representative's September 2, 2004 decision (reference 04) is affirmed. The claimant is overpaid benefits of \$1,056.00.

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