IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

JASON L ENYART

Claimant

APPEAL 22A-UI-11483-AW-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 01/30/22

Claimant: Appellant (6)

Iowa Code Ch. 17A – Iowa Administrative Procedure Act

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.19(3) – Claims Bureau Subsequent Action

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-26.11 - Motions

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from the April 29, 2022 (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision that found claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Before a hearing was held, lowa Workforce Development issued a favorable decision to claimant on May 12, 2022 (reference 04). This decision made the issue on appeal moot. Therefore, no testimony or additional evidence was necessary. No hearing was held. Official notice is taken of the administrative record.

ISSUES:

Should the most recent unemployment insurance decision be affirmed? Should the appeal be dismissed as moot?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

These findings of fact are based on the pertinent agency documents relating to this claimant and his appeal.

An unemployment insurance decision dated April 29, 2022 (reference 02) determined that the claimant was overpaid UI benefits in the amount of \$1,713.00. Claimant appealed this decision.

Before a hearing was held, IWD issued a decision on May 12, 2022 (reference 04) reducing claimant's overpayment to zero dollars.

The May 12, 2022 decision resolved the only issue on appeal in the claimant's favor resulting in no overpayment of benefits.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Generally, courts and administrative tribunals do not decide issues when the underlying controversy is moot. *Rhiner v. State*, 703 N.W.2d 174, 176 (lowa 2005). "A case is moot if it no

longer presents a justiciable controversy because the issues involved are academic or nonexistent." *Iowa Bankers Ass'n v. Iowa Credit Union Dep't*, 335 N.W.2d 439, 442 (Iowa 1983)

The decision appealed was amended in favor of the appellant, making this appeal moot. The appeal of the original representative's decision dated April 29, 2022 is dismissed. The most recent decision dated May 12, 2022 remains in effect.

DECISION:

The appeal is dismissed as moot. No hearing shall be held.

Adrienne C. Williamson

Administrative Law Judge

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