

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**HALENA FITZGERALD**  
Claimant

**APPEAL NO: 21A-UI-23740-SN-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 04/05/20**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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PL116-136, Sec. 2104 – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

The claimant filed an appeal from the October 14, 2021, (reference 05) unemployment insurance decision that concluded she was overpaid \$3,000.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits. After proper notice, a telephone hearing was conducted on December 16, 2021. The hearing was held jointly with appeal 21A-UI-23736-SN-T, 21A-UI-23739-SN-T, 21A-UI-23738-SN-T and, 21A-UI-23741-SN-T. The claimant participated. Official notice of the administrative records was taken.

**ISSUE:**

Is the claimant overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of April 5, 2020.

The claimant received federal unemployment insurance benefits through Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). Claimant received \$3,000.00 in federal benefits for the period of June 21, 2020, and July 25, 2020.

The unemployment insurance decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving unemployment insurance benefits has been affirmed in a decision of the administrative law judge in appeal 21A-UI-23736-SN-T.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid FPUC benefits.

PL116-136, Sec. 2104 provides, in pertinent part:

(b) Provisions of Agreement

(1) Federal pandemic unemployment compensation.--Any agreement under this section shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of regular compensation to individuals in amounts and to the extent that they would be determined if the State law of the State were applied, with respect to any week for which the individual is (disregarding this section) otherwise entitled under the State law to receive regular compensation, as if such State law had been modified in a manner such that the amount of regular compensation (including dependents' allowances) payable for any week shall be equal to

(A) the amount determined under the State law (before the application of this paragraph), plus

(B) an additional amount of \$600.00 (in this section referred to as "Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation").

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(f) Fraud and Overpayments

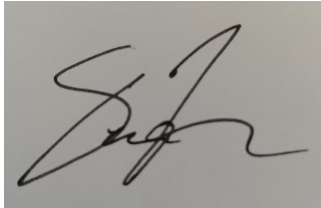
(2) Repayment.--In the case of individuals who have received amounts of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to the State agency...

Here, the claimant is disqualified from receiving regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Accordingly, this also disqualifies claimant from receiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The claimant was overpaid \$3,000.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

The claimant may have to repay the benefits received thus far, unless the claimant applies and is approved for PUA, as directed in the paragraph below.

**DECISION:**

The unemployment insurance decision dated October 14, 2021, (reference 05), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$3,000.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).



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January 19, 2022

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Decision Dated and Mailed

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**Note to Claimant:** This decision determines you have been overpaid FPUC under the CARES Act. 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. Additionally, instructions for requesting a waiver of this overpayment can be found at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery>. If this decision becomes final and you are not eligible for a waiver, you will have to repay the benefits you received.