

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

**DAWN L RAMIREZ**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 21A-UI-22323-LJ-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 05/10/20**  
**Claimant: Appellant (1)**

PL116-136, Sec. 2104(f)(2) – Overpayment of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

On October 7, 2021, claimant Dawn L. Ramirez appealed a representative's decision dated September 30, 2021 (reference 05), that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation ("FPUC") benefits as a result of a disqualification decision. A telephonic hearing was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021. Appeal numbers 21A-UI-22318-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22320-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22322-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22323-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22324-LJ-T, and 21A-UI-22326-LJ-T were heard together and created one record. The claimant, Dawn L. Ramirez, participated and was represented by attorney Justin Vondrak. The employer, Hope Haven, Inc., participated through Bev Miller, ICF/ID Manager; and Connie Pagel, HR Manager. Employer's Exhibits A through J were received and admitted into the record without objection. Department's Exhibits D-1, D-2, and D-3 were received and admitted into the record for the purpose of determining timeliness. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

**ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid FPUC benefits.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received FPUC benefits in the gross amount of \$4,800.00 for the eight-week period ending July 4, 2020. On November 18, 2020, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 01) that denied claimant UI benefits. That decision has been affirmed. See 21A-UI-22318-LJ-T.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was overpaid FPUC benefits for the period in question.

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 (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...

The decision that denied claimant regular unemployment insurance benefits remains in effect. Because claimant is not eligible for UI benefits, claimant is also not eligible for FPUC benefits. Therefore, claimant has received FPUC benefits to which they were not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits in the amount outlined in the findings of fact above. Claimant is obligated to repay the FPUC benefits unless repayment of this obligation is waived. Instructions on how to apply for a waiver are found below.

**DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated September 30, 2021, (reference 05) is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits in the amount of \$4,800.00, which must be repaid.



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Elizabeth A. Johnson  
Administrative Law Judge  
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau

December 10, 2021  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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**NOTE TO CLAIMANT:**

- This decision determines you have been overpaid FPUC 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: <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.