IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEM PLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

KHALID MOHAMMED

Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-15787-SN-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

STAFF MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS LLC

Employer

OC: 05/02/21

Claimant: Respondent (2)

lowa Code § 96.19(38)a & b – Total and Partial Unemployment

lowa Code § 96.7(2)a(2) – Same Base Period Employment

lowa Code § 96.4(3) – Ability to and Availability for Work

lowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.22(2)f – Availability for Work - Part-time Worker/Student

lowa Admin. Code r. 871-23.43(4)a – Supplemental Employment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The employer, Staff Management Solutions LLC, filed an appeal from the July 2, 2021, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that granted benefits based upon the determination he was on a short-term layoff. The parties were properly notified of the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on September 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. The claimant did not participate. The employer participated through Senior Account Manager Susan Murphy. Official notice was taken of the administrative records.

ISSUES:

Is the claimant partially unemployed and available for work? If so, is the employer's account liable for potential charges?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony and having reviewed the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds:

The claimant currently works for the employer, a base period employer, part-time under the same terms and conditions as contemplated at hire. He also does not have other potentially qualifying wages in the base period history.

The administrative record DBRO shows the claimant has not made weekly claims. It also shows he has not established his identity to make a claim.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant is not partially unemployed and this part-time employer is relieved of benefit charges.

lowa Code section 96.4(3) provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph (1), or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

lowa Code section 96.1A(37) provides:

"Total and partial unemployment".

- a. An individual shall be deemed "totally unemployed" in any week with respect to which no wages are payable to the individual and during which the individual performs no services.
- b. An individual shall be deemed partially unemployed in any week in which either of the following apply:
- (1) While employed at the individual's then regular job, the individual works less than the regular full-time week and in which the individual earns less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.
- (2) The individual, having been separated from the individual's regular job, earns at odd jobs less than the individual's weekly benefit amount plus fifteen dollars.
- c. An individual shall be deemed temporarily unemployed if for a period, verified by the department, not to exceed four consecutive weeks, the individual is unemployed due to a plant shutdown, vacation, inventory, lack of work or emergency from the individual's regular job or trade in which the individual worked full-time and will again work full-time, if the individual's employment, although temporarily suspended, has not been terminated.

lowa Code section 96.7(2)a(2)(a), (b), and (c) provides:

- 2. Contribution rates based on benefit experience.
- a. (2) The amount of regular benefits plus fifty percent of the amount of extended benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against the

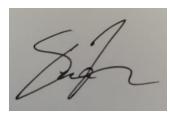
account of the employers in the base period in the inverse chronological order in which the employment of the individual occurred.

(a) However, if the individual to whom the benefits are paid is in the employ of a base period employer at the time the individual is receiving the benefits, and the individual is receiving the same employment from the employer that the individual received during the individual's base period, benefits paid to the individual shall not be charged against the account of the employer. This provision applies to both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding subparagraph (3) and section 96.8, subsection 5.

Inasmuch as the current part-time employer is offering the same wages and hours as in the base period contemplated at hire, no benefit charges shall be made to this employer's account. The claimant also does not have other insured wages in his base period. Benefits are denied.

DECISION:

The July 2, 2021, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision is reversed. The claimant was receiving the same hours and wages as in his original contract of hire. The account of the current part-time employer, Staff Management Solution, (account number #522319) shall not be charged. Benefits are denied.



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Decision Dated and Mailed

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