

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

SAMANTHA L STEPHENS
Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-03314-AW-T
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 03/15/20
Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Code § 96.6(3) – Appeals
Iowa Code § 96.3(7) – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from the January 12, 2021 (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision that found claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. A telephone hearing was scheduled for March 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Claimant was properly notified of the hearing. Based upon a review of the administrative record and claimant's appeal, a decision can be made without additional testimony. Therefore, no hearing was held. No exhibits were admitted. Official notice was taken of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Whether claimant is overpaid UI benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: An Administrative Law Judge's decision issued on July 14, 2020 (appeal number 20A-UI-05025-AW-T) found claimant was overpaid UI in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the nine-week period between March 15, 2020 and May 16, 2020. That decision was affirmed by the Employment Appeal Board (appeal number 20B-UI-05025) on August 14, 2020.

The decision issued January 12, 2021 (reference 02) finds claimant was overpaid UI benefits in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the nine-week period between March 15, 2020 and May 16, 2020.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes:

Iowa Code section 96.6(3) provides:

3. Appeals. a. Unless the appeal is withdrawn, an administrative law judge, after affording the parties reasonable opportunity for fair hearing, shall affirm or modify the findings of fact and decision of the representative. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 17A relating to hearings for contested cases.

Before the hearing is scheduled, the parties shall be afforded the opportunity to choose either a telephone hearing or an in-person hearing. A request for an in-person hearing shall be approved unless the in-person hearing would be impractical because of the distance between the parties to the hearing. The notice for a telephone or in-person hearing shall be sent to all the parties at least ten calendar days before the hearing date. Reasonable requests for the postponement of a hearing shall be granted. The parties shall be duly notified of the administrative law judge's decision, together with the administrative law judge's reasons for the decision, which is the final decision of the department, unless within fifteen days after the date of notification or mailing of the decision, further appeal is initiated pursuant to this section.

b. Appeals from the initial determination shall be heard by an administrative law judge employed by the department. An administrative law judge's decision may be appealed by any party to the employment appeal board created in section 10A.601. The decision of the appeal board is final agency action and an appeal of the decision shall be made directly to the district court.

The overpayment at issue has already been adjudicated and is final. Therefore, this overpayment decision must be affirmed.

DECISION:

The January 12, 2021 (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed.



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March 29, 2021
Decision Dated and Mailed

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