

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

ALICIA L GARCIA
Claimant

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

APPEAL 21A-UI-17042-AW-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

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

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) – Payment – Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from the July 13, 2021 (reference 06) unemployment insurance decision that found claimant was overpaid Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) benefits. Claimant was properly notified of the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on September 29, 2021, at 8:20 a.m. Claimant participated. No exhibits were admitted. Official notice was taken of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Whether claimant is overpaid LWA benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant received LWA benefits in the gross amount of \$1,200.00 for the four-week period between July 26, 2020 and August 22, 2020.

On August 26, 2020, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 01) that denied claimant UI benefits effective May 2, 2020. That decision has been affirmed (see appeal 21A-UI-00923-LJ-T).

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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

Iowa Code section 96.3(7) states:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by having a sum equal to the overpayment deducted from any future benefits payable to the individual or by having the individual pay to the department a sum equal to the overpayment.

The decision that denied claimant UI benefits remains in effect. Because claimant is not eligible for UI benefits, claimant is also not eligible for LWA benefits. Therefore, claimant has received LWA benefits to which claimant was not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that claimant has been overpaid LWA benefits in the amount outlined in the findings of fact above. Those benefits must be recovered in accordance with Iowa law.

DECISION:

The July 13, 2021 (reference 06) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid LWA benefits in the amount of \$1,200.00, which must be repaid.



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