IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

ALLYSON N SNOOK

Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-18270-AD-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 03/22/20

Claimant: Appellant (1)

PL 116-136 Sec. 2104 (F)(2) – Overpayment - Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On August 13, 2021, Allyson Snook (claimant/appellant) filed an appeal from the unemployment insurance decision dated August 6, 2021 (reference 05) that determined claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation in the amount of \$5,400.00 based on a prior decision denying benefits.

Notice of hearing was mailed to the party's last known addresses of record for a telephone hearing to be held on October 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. A review of the Appeals Bureau's conference call system the same day shows the claimant/appellant did not register a telephone number at which to be reached for the hearing, and no hearing was held.

The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record. There was sufficient evidence in the administrative record to issue a decision without hearing.

ISSUE:

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

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds:

The administrative record shows claimant received FPUC in the amount of \$600.00 per week from the benefit week ending May 16, 2020 and continuing through the benefit week ending July 25, 2020. The total amount of FPUC paid during this period was \$5,400.00.

Claimant was subsequently determined to be disqualified from benefits effective May 15, 2020 in a decision dated September 9, 2020. That decision was affirmed on August 13, 2021 and remains in force. See 21A-UI-13186-AW-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons set forth below, the decision dated August 6, 2021 (reference 05) that determined claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation in the amount of \$5,400.00 based on a prior decision denying benefits is AFFIRMED.

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").

. . . .

- (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, except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that –
- (A) the payment of such Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and
- (B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

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Because the claimant was disqualified from receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the above period, she was also ineligible for FPUC during that period. Claimant has therefore been overpaid FPUC in the amount of \$5,400.00.

DECISION:

The decision dated August 6, 2021 (reference 05) that determined claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation in the amount of \$5,400.00 based on a prior decision denying benefits is AFFIRMED.

Andrew B. Duffelmeyer
Administrative Law Judge
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau

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October 15, 2021

Decision Dated and Mailed

abd/scn

Note to Claimant:

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.

If this decision determines you have been overpaid federal CARES Act benefits you may request a waiver of the overpayment. Instructions for requesting a waiver 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.

Individuals who are disqualified from or are otherwise ineligible for <u>regular</u> unemployment insurance benefits but who are unemployed for reasons related to COVID-19 may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). **You will need to apply for PUA to determine your eligibility.** Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information.