

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

KAREN L REYNOLDS
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 21A-UI-11638-B2T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 03/22/20
Claimant: Appellant (1R)

Iowa Code § 96.3-7 – Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits
Fed Law PL 116-136, Sec. 2104 – Overpayment of FPUC

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from the April 6, 2021, reference 03, decision that found claimant to have been overpaid benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on July 16, 2021. The claimant did participate.

ISSUES:

Whether claimant is overpaid FPUC unemployment insurance benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a ruling claimant was improperly paid FPUC unemployment benefits. Claimant was deemed to have been overpaid \$4,800.00 in FPUC unemployment benefits for the six weeks ending May 23, 2021. Claimant admitted to receiving said benefits.

Claimant was approved for PUA benefits on March 22, 2021. Said PUA benefits were to run for 52 weeks from March 22, 2020. This time period when claimant is eligible for benefits includes the entire period claimant has been deemed to be overpaid FPUC benefits.

On 5-28-21 claimant paid \$8,679.00 to Iowa Workforce Development in check #12310 for the overpayments of both this matter and the state overpayment in 21A-UI-11637 (ref 02).

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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 except that the State agency may waive such repayment if it determines that

(A) the payment of such FPUC was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

Here, the claimant is disqualified from receiving regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in the ref 02 decision upheld in 21A-UI-11637.B2T. Accordingly, this also disqualifies claimant from receiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The claimant was overpaid \$4,800.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

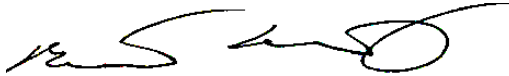
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DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated April 6, 2021, (reference 03), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$4,800.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

This matter will be remanded to the benefits bureau for a recalculation of the amount of overpayment – if any – considering the granting of PUA benefits in this matter.

The benefits bureau is also informed that on 5-28-21 claimant paid \$8,679.00 to Iowa Workforce Development in check #12310 for the overpayments of both this matter and the state overpayment in 21A-UI-11637 (ref 02). If claimant is found to not owe overpayment on either this matter or the state overpayment, said payment shall be reimbursed to claimant.



Blair A. Bennett
Administrative Law Judge

July 27, 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.