IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

CALLEY L STEERE Claimant

APPEAL 22A-UI-06013-JC-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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

lowa Code § 96.3(7) – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment PL116-136, Sec. 2104 – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the March 1, 2022, (reference 04) unemployment insurance decision that concluded claimant was overpaid \$300.00 in FPUC benefits. After proper notice, a telephone hearing was conducted on April 19, 2022. The hearing was held together with Appeals 22A-UI-06011-JC-T. The claimant participated. The employer participated through Jay Mattson. Official notice of the administrative records was taken.

ISSUE:

Is claimant overpaid FPUC benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant established a claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of March 22, 2020. Claimant filed for and received \$123.00 in partial unemployment insurance benefits for the week ending March 6, 2021. Claimant also received \$300.00 in supplemental FPUC benefits for that week. An initial decision denying benefits for that week has been affirmed in Appeal 22A-UI-06013-JC-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid FPUC benefits.

Iowa Code section 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

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.

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...

Here, the claimant is disqualified from receiving regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits for the week ending March 6, 2021. Accordingly, this also disqualifies claimant from receiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The claimant was overpaid \$300.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

This decision determines you have been overpaid FPUC under the CARES Act. 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. Additionally, instructions for requesting a waiver of this overpayment 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.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 1, 2022, (reference 04), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$300.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

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