## IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

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MANI GAGNO Claimant

# APPEAL NO: 21A-UI-17148-SN-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

#### IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 04/05/20 Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) - Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

# STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the August 31, 2020, (reference 04) unemployment insurance decision that concluded he was overpaid \$3,856.00 in regular unemployment insurance benefits. After proper notice, a telephone hearing was conducted on September 29, 2021. The hearing was held jointly with appeal 21A-UI-17149-SN-T, 21A-UI-17150-SN-T, and 21A-UI-17147-SN-T. The claimant participated. Official notice of the administrative records was taken.

#### **ISSUES:**

Has the claimant been overpaid any unemployment insurance benefits?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of April 5, 2020.

The claimant filed for and received a total of \$3,856.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between May 10, 2020 and August 8, 2020.

The unemployment insurance decision that disqualified the claimant from receiving unemployment insurance benefits has been affirmed in a decision of the administrative law judge in appeal 21A-UI-17147-SN-T.

#### **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance 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.

Since the decision disqualifying the claimant has been affirmed, the claimant was overpaid \$3,856 in unemployment insurance benefits.

The claimant may have to repay the benefits received thus far, unless the claimant applies and is approved for PUA, as directed in the paragraph below.

## **DECISION:**

The unemployment insurance decision dated August 31, 2020, (reference 04), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$3,856.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits.

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October 01, 2021 Decision Dated and Mailed

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Note to Claimant. This decision determines you are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance 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. Individuals who do not qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits, but who are currently 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 under the program. Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information. If this decision becomes final or if you are not eligible for PUA, you may have an overpayment of benefits.