

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

RUBY A HODGES
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 22A-UI-01431-B2T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

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

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 December 13, 2021, reference 02, decision that found claimant to have been overpaid benefits. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held on February 8, 2022. 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 by virtue of being paid multiple times for the same week. Claimant was deemed to have been overpaid \$600.00 in FPUC unemployment benefits for the one week ending July 11, 2020. Claimant acknowledged that she may have received these payments.

A search through IWD records indicates for the week ending July 11, 2020, there were double payments made through direct deposit to claimant of both PUA benefits of \$203.00 and FPUC benefits of \$600.00. Claimant did nothing wrong to cause these payments. They occurred as a result of computer or employee error.

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 was found to have been overpaid PUA benefits for the one week ending July 11, 2020. Accordingly, this also disqualifies claimant from receiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The claimant was overpaid \$600.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated December 13, 2021, (reference 02), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$600.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).



Blair A. Bennett
Administrative Law Judge

February 28, 2022
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.