## IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

AS Z MANG Claimant

# APPEAL 21A-UI-09080-JC-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

#### IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 05/03/20 Claimant: Appellant (1)

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

# STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant/appellant, As Z. Mang, filed an appeal from the March 24, 2021 (reference 02) lowa Workforce Development ("IWD") unemployment insurance decision that established an overpayment of regular unemployment benefits. The claimant was properly notified about the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on June 16, 2021. The hearing was held together with Appeal 21A-UI-09079-JC-T. The claimant participated personally and through a Burmese interpreter with CTS Language Link.

The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative records. Department Exhibit D-1 and Claimant Exhibits A, B, and C were admitted into evidence. Based on the evidence, the arguments presented, and the law, the administrative law judge enters the following findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law, and decision.

## **ISSUE:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of May 3, 2020. The claimant filed for and received a total of \$5,772.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between May 3, 2020 and July 25, 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-09079-JC-T.

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

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid 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 \$5,772.00 in unemployment insurance benefits.

## **DECISION:**

The unemployment insurance decision dated March 24, 2021 (reference 02). The claimant was overpaid \$5,772.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits.

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June 30, 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 unemployed or continue to be 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 <a href="https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information">https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information</a>. If this decision becomes final or if you are not eligible for PUA, you may have an overpayment of benefits.

**ATTENTION:** On May 11, 2021, Governor Reynolds announced that Iowa will end its participation in federal pandemic-related unemployment benefit programs effective June 12, 2021. The last payable week for PUA in Iowa will be the week ending June 12, 2021. Additional information can be found in the press release at <u>https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/iowa-end-participation-federal-unemployment-benefit-programs-citing-strong-labor-market-and</u>.

You may find information about food, housing, and other resources at <u>https://covidrecoveryiowa.org/</u> or at <u>https://dhs.iowa.gov/node/3250</u>

Iowa Finance Authority also has additional resources at <a href="https://www.iowafinance.com/about/covid-19-ifa-recovery-assistance/">https://www.iowafinance.com/about/covid-19-ifa-recovery-assistance/</a>