IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

ANDREW K MARTIN

Claimant

APPEAL 22A-UI-09403-LJ-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 07/05/20

Claimant: Appellant (1)

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) - Recovery of Benefit Overpayment – Lost Wages Assistance Program

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On April 14, 2022, claimant Andrew K. Martin appealed a representative's decision dated April 6, 2022 (reference 04), that concluded the claimant was overpaid Lost Wages Assistance Program ("LWAP") benefits as a result of a disqualification decision. After a hearing notice was mailed to the claimant's last-known address of record, a telephone hearing was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022, and was consolidated with the hearing for appeal 22A-UI-09402-LJ-T. Claimant Andrew K. Martin participated personally. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid LWAP benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received LWAP benefits in the gross amount of \$600.00 for the two-week period ending August 15, 2020. On August 3, 2021, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 02) that denied claimant UI benefits. That decision has been affirmed. See 21A-UI-18235-JC-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The administrative law judge concludes claimant has been overpaid LWAP benefits for the period in question.

Iowa Code § 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.

b. (1) (a) If the department determines that an overpayment has been made, the charge for the overpayment against the employer's account shall be removed and the account shall be credited with an amount equal to the overpayment from the unemployment compensation trust fund and this credit shall include both contributory and reimbursable employers, notwithstanding section 96.8, subsection 5.

The decision that denied claimant regular unemployment insurance benefits remains in effect. Because claimant is not eligible for regular UI benefits, claimant is also not eligible for LWAP benefits. Therefore, the claimant has received LWAP benefits to which they were not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has been overpaid LWAP benefits in the amount outlined in the findings of fact above. Claimant is obligated to repay the LWAP benefits unless repayment of this obligation is waived. Instructions on how to apply for a waiver are found below.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated April 6, 2022, (reference 04) is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid LWAP benefits in the amount of \$600.00, which must be repaid.

Elizabeth A. Johnson

Administrative Law Judge

Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau

May 31, 2022

Decision Dated and Mailed

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NOTE TO CLAIMANT:

- This decision determines you have been overpaid LWAP 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 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.