## IN THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DIVISION UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

SHELLY R MONK Claimant

## APPEAL NO: 23A-UI-07583-SN-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

> OC: 03/29/20 Claimant: Appellant (1)

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

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant, Shelly R. Monk, filed an appeal from the July 26, 2023, (reference 09) unemployment insurance decision that concluded she was overpaid \$3,198.00 in regular unemployment insurance benefits, \$4,200.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, and \$1,800.00 in Lost Wage Assistance ("LWA"). After proper notice, a telephone hearing was conducted on August 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The claimant participated. The claimant was represented by Director of Financial Operations Jarret P. Heil. Official notice of the administrative records was taken.

#### **ISSUES:**

Has the claimant been overpaid any unemployment insurance benefits? Has the claimant been overpaid any Lost Wage Assistance (LWA)? Is the claimant overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)?

### FINDINGS OF FACT:

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 March 29, 2020.

The claimant filed for and received a total of \$3,196.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between June 7, 2020 and September 5, 2020.

The claimant filed for and received a total of \$1,800.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits for the weeks between July 26, 2020 and September 5, 2020.

The claimant received federal unemployment insurance benefits through Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The claimant received \$4,200.00 in federal benefits for the period of June 7, 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 23A-UI-06377-LJ-T.

# **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid regular unemployment, FPUC and LWA 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...

Since the decision disqualifying the claimant has been affirmed, the claimant was overpaid \$3,196.00 in unemployment insurance benefits.

Since the decision disqualifying the claimant has been affirmed, the claimant was overpaid \$1,800.00 in LWA benefits.

Here, the claimant is disqualified from receiving regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. Accordingly, this also disqualifies claimant from receiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The claimant was overpaid \$4,200.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).

### DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated July 26, 2023, (reference 09), is AFFIRMED. The claimant was overpaid \$3,196.00 in regular, state unemployment insurance benefits. The claimant was overpaid \$4,200.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). The claimant has been overpaid \$1,800.00 in LWA assistance.

Sean M. Nelson Administrative Law Judge II

August 24, 2023 Decision Dated and Mailed

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APPEAL RIGHTS. If you disagree with the decision, you or any interested party may:

1. Appeal to the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days of the date under the judge's signature by submitting a written appeal via mail, fax, or online to:

#### Employment Appeal Board 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – Lucas Building Des Moines, Iowa 50319 Fax: (515)281-7191 Online: eab.iowa.gov

The appeal period will be extended to the next business day if the last day to appeal falls on a weekend or a legal holiday.

AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD SHALL STATE CLEARLY:

1) The name, address, and social security number of the claimant.

2) A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.

3) That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.

4) The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

An Employment Appeal Board decision is final agency action. If a party disagrees with the Employment Appeal Board decision, they may then file a petition for judicial review in district court.

2. If no one files an appeal of the judge's decision with the Employment Appeal Board within fifteen (15) days, the decision becomes final agency action, and you have the option to file a petition for judicial review in District Court within thirty (30) days after the decision becomes final. Additional information on how to file a petition can be found at lowa Code §17A.19, which is online at <a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf">https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19</a>, which is online at <a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf">https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19</a>, which is online at <a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf">https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19</a>, by contacting the District Court Clerk of Court <a href="https://www.legis.jowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf">https://www.legis.jowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19</a>, by contacting the District Court Clerk of Court <a href="https://www.legis.jowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19">https://www.legis.jowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19</a>, by contacting the District Court Clerk of Court <a href="https://www.legis.jowa.gov/jowa-courts/court-directory/">https://www.legis.jowa.gov/jowa-courts/court-directory/</a>.

**Note to Parties:** YOU MAY REPRESENT yourself in the appeal or obtain a lawyer or other interested party to do so provided there is no expense to Workforce Development. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, you may obtain the services of either a private attorney or one whose services are paid for with public funds.

**Note to Claimant:** It is important that you file your weekly claim as directed, while this appeal is pending, to protect your continuing right to benefits.

#### SERVICE INFORMATION:

A true and correct copy of this decision was mailed to each of the parties listed.

DERECHOS DE APELACIÓN. Si no está de acuerdo con la decisión, usted o cualquier parte interesada puede:

1. Apelar a la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo dentro de los quince (15) días de la fecha bajo la firma del juez presentando una apelación por escrito por correo, fax o en línea a:

#### Employment Appeal Board 4th Floor – Lucas Building Des Moines, Iowa 50319 Fax: (515)281-7191 En línea: eab.iowa.gov

El período de apelación se extenderá hasta el siguiente día hábil si el último día para apelar cae en fin de semana o día feriado legal.

UNA APELACIÓN A LA JUNTA DEBE ESTABLECER CLARAMENTE:

1) El nombre, dirección y número de seguro social del reclamante.

2) Una referencia a la decisión de la que se toma la apelación.

3) Que se interponga recurso de apelación contra tal decisión y se firme dicho recurso.

4) Los fundamentos en que se funda dicho recurso.

Una decisión de la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo es una acción final de la agencia. Si una de las partes no está de acuerdo con la decisión de la Junta de Apelación de Empleo, puede presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el tribunal de distrito.

2. Si nadie presenta una apelación de la decisión del juez ante la Junta de Apelaciones Laborales dentro de los quince (15) días, la decisión se convierte en acción final de la agencia y usted tiene la opción de presentar una petición de revisión judicial en el Tribunal de Distrito dentro de los treinta (30) días después de que la decisión adquiera firmeza. Puede encontrar información adicional sobre cómo presentar una petición en el Código de Iowa §17A.19, que se encuentra en línea en https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/17A.19.pdf o comunicándose con el Tribunal de Distrito Secretario del tribunal https:///www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/court-directory/.

**Nota para las partes:** USTED PUEDE REPRESENTARSE en la apelación u obtener un abogado u otra parte interesada para que lo haga, siempre que no haya gastos para Workforce Development. Si desea ser representado por un abogado, puede obtener los servicios de un abogado privado o uno cuyos servicios se paguen con fondos públicos.

**Nota para el reclamante:** es importante que presente su reclamo semanal según las instrucciones, mientras esta apelación está pendiente, para proteger su derecho continuo a los beneficios.

#### SERVICIO DE INFORMACIÓN:

Se envió por correo una copia fiel y correcta de esta decisión a cada una de las partes enumeradas.