

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU**

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**JOYCE CRAVENS**  
Claimant

**APPEAL 22A-UI-01141-JD-T**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**OC: 04/12/20  
Claimant: Appellant (1)**

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PL 116-136, Sec. 2104 – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:**

Claimant filed an appeal from the December 14, 2021 (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision that found claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits. Claimant was properly notified of the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on February 3, 2022. Claimant participated. No exhibits were admitted. Official notice was taken of the administrative record.

**ISSUE:**

Whether claimant is overpaid FPUC benefits.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds:

Claimant received three payments of FPUC benefits in the gross amount of \$600.00 each for the benefit week ending July 11, 2020. Iowa Workforce development (IWD) authorized the payments on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. The payments were deposited into claimant's account within three or four days of authorization. Claimant received three FPUC payments for the benefit week ending July 11, 2020.

**REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits.

PL 116-136, 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 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and

(B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

The Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020 modified the FPUC weekly benefit to \$300.00. PL 116-260; see UIPL 15-20, Change 3, page 1.

In this case, claimant received double FPUC benefits. Accordingly, claimant has received FPUC benefits to which he/she was not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits in the amount of \$1,200.00. Those benefits must be recovered in accordance with Iowa law.

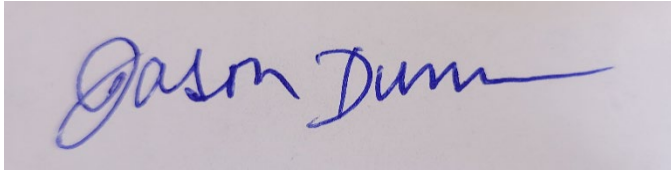
This decision determines claimant is overpaid benefits, and the administrative law judge lacks authority to waive the overpayment. If claimant disagrees with this decision claimant may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision.

Claimant may also choose to pursue a waiver of the overpayment balance. Instructions for requesting a waiver of this overpayment can be found at:

<https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery>.

**DECISION:**

The December 14, 2021 (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits in the amount of \$1,200.00.



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February 24, 2022  
Decision Dated and Mailed

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