IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

SCOTT B CARTER Claimant

APPEAL NO. 20A-UI-07953-B2T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 07/05/20 Claimant: Appellant (2R)

Iowa Code § 96.3-4 – Monetary Record 871 IA Admin Code § 24.9 – Determination of Benefit Rights

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a monetary record determination dated July 5, 2020, reference 00, which laid out claimant's monetary record. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on August 18, 2020. Claimant participated personally and with his attorney James White. Claimant's Exhibit A was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant's monetary record is correct.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant appealed the monetary record as it did not include his earnings from Carter Farms. Claimant has worked for Carter Farms for a number of years, and in 2019 received a W-2 from employer indicating \$29,100.00 of wages and \$960.00 of state income taxes withheld. Said information does not appear on claimant's monetary record.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant's monetary record is correct. For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes it is not.

Iowa Code section 96.3(4) provides:

4. Determination of benefits. With respect to benefit years beginning on or after July 1, 1983, an eligible individual's weekly benefit amount for a week of total unemployment shall be an amount equal to the following fractions of the individual's total wages in insured work paid during that quarter of the individual's base period in which such total wages were highest; the director shall determine annually a maximum weekly benefit amount equal to the following percentages, to vary with the number of dependents, of

the statewide average weekly wage paid to employees in insured work which shall be effective the first day of the first full week in July:

If the number of dependents is:	The weekly benefit amount shall equal the following fraction of high quarter wages:	Subject to the following maximum percentage of the statewide average weekly wage.
0	1/23	53%
1	1/22	55%
2	1/21	57%
3	1/20	60%
4 or more	1/19	65%

The maximum weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of one dollar shall be rounded to the lower multiple of one dollar. However, until such time as sixty-five percent of the statewide average weekly wage exceeds one hundred ninety dollars, the maximum weekly benefit amounts shall be determined using the statewide average weekly wage computed on the basis of wages reported for calendar year 1981. As used in this section "dependent" means dependent as defined in section 422.12, subsection 1, paragraph "a", as if the individual claimant was a taxpayer, except that an individual claimant's nonworking spouse shall be deemed to be a dependent under this section. "Nonworking spouse" means a spouse who does not earn more than one hundred twenty dollars in gross wages in one week.

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When an initial claim for benefits is filed, the department shall mail to the individual claiming benefits a Form 65-5318, Iowa Monetary Record, which is a statement of the individual's weekly benefit amount, total benefits, base period wages, and other data pertinent to the individual's benefit rights.

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The monetary record shall constitute a final decision unless newly discovered facts which affect the validity of the original determination or a written request for reconsideration is filed by the individual within ten days of the date of the mailing of the monetary record specifying the grounds of objection to the monetary record.

The claimant earned \$29,100.00 throughout 2019 from Carter Farms. The monetary record is not correct.

This matter will be remanded to the benefits bureau for further investigation into this matter.

DECISION:

The monetary record determination dated July 5, 2020, reference 00, is reversed as it does not include wages from Carter Farms. This matter will be remanded to the benefits bureau for further investigation and recalculation of the monetary record that includes all of claimant's wages.

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Blair A. Bennett Administrative Law Judge

August 24, 2020 Decision Dated and Mailed

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