

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

AMIE J WENTLAND
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 21A-UI-22781-LJ-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 03/15/20
Claimant: Appellant (4)

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On October 11, 2021, the claimant Amie J. Wentland appealed the September 29, 2021, (reference 05) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$6,189.00 for the twenty-two-week period ending August 29, 2020. The parties were properly notified of the hearing. A telephonic hearing was held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Appeal numbers 21A-UI-22777-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22780-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22781-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22782-LJ-T, 21A-UI-22784-LJ-T, and 21A-UI-22785-LJ-T were heard together and created one record. The claimant, Amie J. Wentland, participated. The employer, Optimae Lifeservices, Inc., did not register a telephone number or appear for the hearing and did not participate. Department Exhibits D-1, D-2, and D-3 were received and admitted into the record. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Claimant filed for and has received regular unemployment insurance benefits in the gross amount of \$6090.30 for the twenty-two-week period ending August 29, 2020. This amount is less than the amount printed on the decision issued by the agency.

On June 17, 2021, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 04) that disqualified claimant from receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits. That decision has been affirmed. See 21A-UI-22780-LJ-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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

Iowa Code § 96.3(7) provides, in pertinent part:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits.

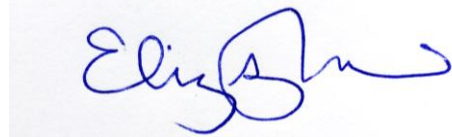
a. If an individual receives benefits for which the individual is subsequently determined to be ineligible, even though the individual acts in good faith and is not otherwise at fault, the benefits shall be recovered. The department in its discretion may recover the overpayment of benefits either by 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 administrative law judge concludes that the claimant has been overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$6090.30 pursuant to Iowa Code § 96.3(7) as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has been affirmed.

DECISION:

The September 29, 2021 (reference 05) decision is modified in favor of the claimant/appellant. Claimant has been overpaid regular unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$6,090.30, which must be repaid.



Elizabeth A. Johnson
Administrative Law Judge
Unemployment Insurance Appeals Bureau

December 15, 2021
Decision Dated and Mailed

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