

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

MELVINA T TARGBEH
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 21A-UI-16543-AD-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 05/31/20
Claimant: Appellant (1)

PL116-136, Sec. 2104(f)(2) – Overpayment of Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On July 28, 2021, Melvina Targbeh (claimant/appellant) appealed the decision dated July 23, 2021 (reference 05) that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$7,200.00 for sixteen weeks between May 21, 2020 and February 20, 2021 as a result of a decision denying benefits.

A telephone hearing was held on September 20, 2021, pursuant to due notice. Claimant participated personally. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

ISSUE:

Was 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 administrative record shows claimant received FPUC totaling \$7,200.00 during the benefit weeks ending June 6, 2020 through July 25, 2020 and from January 9, 2021 through February 20, 2021. Claimant was subsequently determined to be ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits during that period in a decision dated February 24, 2021. That decision remains in force. See 21A-UI-06465-DZ-T; 21B-UI-06465.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons set forth below, the decision dated July 23, 2021 (reference 05) that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$7,200.00 for sixteen weeks between May 21, 2020 and February 20, 2021 as a result of a decision denying benefits is AFFIRMED.

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, 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.

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Because claimant was ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits during the period she received FPUC, she was also ineligible for FPUC during that period. She has therefore been overpaid FPUC in the amount of \$7,200.00.

DECISION:

The decision dated July 23, 2021 (reference 05) that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$7,200.00 for sixteen weeks between May 21, 2020 and February 20, 2021 as a result of a decision denying benefits is AFFIRMED.



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September 23, 2021
Decision Dated and Mailed

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Note to Claimant:

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.

If this decision determines you have been overpaid FPUC and/or PEUC, you may request a waiver of the overpayment. Instructions for requesting a waiver can be found 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.

Individuals who are disqualified from or are otherwise ineligible for **regular** unemployment insurance benefits but who are unemployed for reasons related to COVID-19 may qualify for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). **You will need to apply for PUA to determine your eligibility.** Additional information on how to apply for PUA can be found at <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/pua-information>.