

**IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS**

SHAMEKIA HARSTON
Claimant

APPEAL NO. 21A-UI-11756-AD-T

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DECISION**

**IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

OC: 03/01/20
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

On April 22, 2021, Shamekia Harston (claimant/appellant) appealed the April 13, 2021 (reference 04) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$900.00 for the three-week period between March 14 and April 3, 2021, as a result of a decision finding claimant eligible for regular benefits during that period.

A telephone hearing was held on July 15, 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 in the amount of \$300.00 per week during the three-week period between March 14 and April 3, 2021. The total amount of FPUC paid during this period is \$900.00.

Claimant was subsequently determined to be ineligible for PEUC during that period in a decision dated April 13, 2021. That decision has now been affirmed. See 21A-UI-11754-AD-T.

There are no outstanding overpayment amounts.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

For the reasons set forth below, the April 13, 2021 (reference 04) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$900.00 for the three-week period between March 14 and April 3, 2021 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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Claimant was subsequently determined to be ineligible for PEUC during that period in a decision dated April 13, 2021. That decision has now been affirmed. See 21A-UI-11754-AD-T.

Because the claimant was ineligible for PEUC during the period in question she was also ineligible for FPUC during that period. Claimant has therefore been overpaid FPUC in the amount of \$900.00.

The administrative law judge notes there are no outstanding overpayment amounts for claimant, as benefits were subsequently withheld to cover the overpayment amounts.

DECISION:

The April 13, 2021 (reference 04) decision that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) in the amount of \$900.00 for the three-week period between March 14 and April 3, 2021 is AFFIRMED.



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July 26, 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>.