IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

JAMES RICHMAN

Claimant

APPEAL NO: 22A-UI-00987-SN-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 03/29/20

Claimant: Appellant (1)

PL116-136, Sec. 2104 – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the December 7, 2021, (reference 02) unemployment insurance decision that concluded he was overpaid \$600.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits. After proper notice, a telephone hearing was conducted on February 2, 2022. The hearing was held jointly with appeal 22A-UI-00986-SN-T. The claimant participated. Official notice of the administrative records was taken.

ISSUE:

Is the claimant overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC)?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The claimant filed a new claim for unemployment insurance benefits with an effective date of June 15, 2020.

The claimant received federal unemployment insurance benefits through Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC). Claimant received \$1,200.00 in federal benefits for week ending July 11, 2020. The claimant was only entitled to receive \$600.00 for the week ending July 11, 2020.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this case is whether the claimant was overpaid FPUC benefits.

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 \$600.00 (in this section referred to as "Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation").

. . . .

- (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...

Claimant did not seek out multiple payments, and it appears this overpayment occurred through no fault of the claimant. Regardless of fault, however, claimant has received PUA benefits to which they were not entitled. The claimant received a duplicate payment of \$600.00 in FPUC benefits for the week ending July 11, 2020. Accordingly, the claimant was overpaid \$600.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits.

DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated December 7, 2021, (reference 02), is affirmed. The claimant was overpaid \$600.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC).



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March 1, 2022

Decision Dated and Mailed

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