IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

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SAMANTHA MILLARD Claimant

APPEAL NO: 16A-UI-11066-JE-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

> OC: 07/24/16 Claimant: Appellant (1)

Section 96.3-7 – Recovery of Benefit Overpayment

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed a timely appeal from the October 7, 2016, reference 04, decision that determined she was overpaid benefits in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the five weeks ending September 3, 2016. After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call before Administrative Law Judge Julie Elder on October 27, 2016. The claimant participated in the hearing.

ISSUE:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid unemployment insurance benefits.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a disqualification decision in Appeal Number 16A-UI-09668-B2-T issued September 26, 2016. The claimant appealed that decision to the Employment Appeal Board October 12, 2016.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

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 unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the five weeks ending September 3, 2016, pursuant to Iowa Code section 96.3-7 as the representative's decision allowing benefits was reversed in Appeal Number 16A-UI-09668-B2-T creating the claimant's overpayment of benefits.

DECISION:

The October 7, 2016, reference 04, decision is affirmed. The claimant has been overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the five weeks ending September 3, 2016.

Julie Elder Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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