

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS & APPEALS
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Wallace State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Appeal Number: 08-IWDUI-027
OC: 12/10/06
Claimant: Appellant (1)

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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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DAN ANDERSON, IWD

(Administrative Law Judge)

February 29, 2008

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.3-7 - Recovery of Overpayments

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from an Iowa Workforce Development decision dated January 14, 2008, reference 02, which held that the claimant was overpaid unemployment benefits in the amount of \$204.00, because of the reduction in her weekly benefit amount due to a correction of the number of dependents on her unemployment claim..

After due notice was issued, a hearing was held by telephone conference call on February 26, 2008.

The claimant participated. Iowa Workforce Development, Quality Control, participated by Randy Cramer, Auditor.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony of the witnesses and having examined all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The claimant filed a claim for unemployment benefits with an effective date of December 10, 2006. The department issued a decision that reduced the claimant's weekly benefit amount due to a correction of the number of dependents on the claimant's claim. The decision has now been affirmed (See Appeal # 08-IWDUI026). The overpayment is based on the difference between the initial weekly benefit amount and the re-determined, weekly benefit amount (after the elimination of one dependent).

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid benefits \$204.00.

Iowa Code Section 96.3-7 provides:

7. Recovery of overpayment of benefits. 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 division of job service 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 division a sum equal to the overpayment.

If the division 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 is overpaid benefits \$204.00 for the 17-week period ending December 8, 2007 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 96.3-7. When the department decision eliminated one dependent from the claimant's claim, it reduced the weekly benefit amount, which caused an overpayment during the period that the claimant claimed for and received unemployment benefits.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated January 14, 2008, reference 02, is AFFIRMED. The claimant is overpaid benefits \$204.00.

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