# IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BUREAU

JARED J BUCKENDAHL
Claimant

APPEAL 21A-UI-21834-S2-T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

IOWA WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 03/15/20

Claimant: Appellant (1)

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

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant Jared J. Buckendahl appealed a representative's decision dated September 23, 2021 (reference 06), that concluded the claimant was overpaid Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits as a result of a disqualification decision. The parties were properly notified about the hearing. A telephone hearing was held on November 29, 2021, and was consolidated with the hearing for appeals 21A-UI-21830-S2-T, 21A-UI-21831-S2-T, 21A-UI-21832-S2-T, 21A-UI-21833-S2-T, and 21A-UI-21835-S2-T. Claimant participated and testified. Claimant's Exhibits A – D were received and admitted into the record. The administrative law judge took official notice of the administrative record.

# **ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the claimant is overpaid FPUC benefits.

## FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: On May 27, 2021, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) issued a decision (reference 01) that denied claimant regular state unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. That decision has been affirmed. See 21A-UI-15067-DG-T. Claimant has received FPUC benefits in the gross amount of \$1,800.00 for a six-week period between December 27, 2020, and March 13, 2021.

# **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the following reasons the administrative law judge concludes the claimant was overpaid FPUC benefits for the period in question.

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").

. . . .

- (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...

The decision that denied claimant regular unemployment insurance benefits remains in effect. Because claimant is not eligible for UI benefits, claimant is also not eligible for FPUC benefits. Therefore, claimant has received FPUC benefits to which they were not entitled. The administrative law judge concludes that claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits in the amount outlined in the findings of fact above. Those benefits must be recovered in accordance with lowa law.

#### **DECISION:**

The decision of the representative dated September 23, 2021, (reference 06) is affirmed. Claimant has been overpaid FPUC benefits in the amount of \$1,800.00, which must be repaid.

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January 4, 2022\_

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#### **NOTE TO CLAIMANT:**

- This decision determines you have been overpaid FPUC benefits. 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.
- You may also request a waiver of this overpayment. The written request must include the following information:
  - 1. Claimant name & address.
  - 2. Decision number/date of decision.
  - 3. Dollar amount of overpayment requested for waiver.
  - 4. Relevant facts that you feel would justify a waiver.
- The request should be sent to:

Iowa Workforce Development Overpayment waiver request 1000 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50319

- This Information can also be found on the Iowa Workforce Development website at: <a href="https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery">https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery</a>.
- If this decision becomes final and you are not eligible for a waiver, you will have to repay the benefits you received.