WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Rule making related to wage earnings limitations

The Director of the Department of Workforce Development hereby amends Chapter 24, “Claims and Benefits,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 96.11.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 96.

Purpose and Summary

This amendment aligns the administrative rule relating to wage-earnings limitation with the Iowa Code so they are not in conflict.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 22, 2019, as ARC 4451C. The Notice was reviewed by the Administrative Rules Review Committee at its meeting held June 11, 2019. The Department was asked about the rationale for rounding down instead of up, and explained that the latter could result in overpayments. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Director of the Department on June 26, 2019.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Department for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).
Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on August 21, 2019.

The following rule-making action is adopted:

Amend rule 871—24.18(96) as follows:

871—24.18(96) Wage-earnings limitation. An individual who is partially unemployed may earn weekly a sum equal to the individual’s weekly benefit amount plus $15 before being disqualified for excessive earnings. If such individual earns less than the individual’s weekly benefit amount plus $15, the formula for wage deduction shall be a sum equal to the individual’s weekly benefit amount less that part of wages, payable to the individual with respect to that week and rounded to the nearest lower multiple of one dollar, in excess of one-fourth of the individual’s weekly benefit amount.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 96.3, 96.4 and 96.19(38).

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