

Attached is a decision of the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Commission (Commission). This decision **WILL BECOME FINAL** unless further action is taken by you. It is important that you pay attention to all filing deadlines. The mailed date and the filing deadline can be found at the bottom of the last page of the Commission decision.

The Michigan Employment Security Act (The Act) provides three separate options for seeking relief from decisions or final orders of the Commission.

### **1. APPEALS TO CIRCUIT COURT**

You may appeal a final order or decision of the Commission to Circuit Court within **30 days** after the mailed date of the decision.

An appeal of a final decision to Circuit Court can be filed in the county in which the claimant resides or the circuit court of the county in which the claimant's place of employment is or was located, or, if a claimant is not a party to the case, the circuit court of the county in which the employer's principal place of business in this state is located. Application for review shall be made within 30 days after mailing a copy of the order or decision by any method permissible under the rules and practices of the circuit courts of this state. **Circuit court claims of appeal are to be filed with the clerk of the appropriate circuit court.**

### **2. REHEARING**

You may file for rehearing with the Commission within **30 days** after the mailed date of the decision. A party requesting a rehearing shall serve the request on all other parties at the time of filing with the Commission.

The Act provides that the Commission may, either upon application by an interested party for rehearing or on its own motion, proceed to rehear, affirm, modify, set aside, or reverse a prior decision on the basis of the evidence previously submitted or on the basis of additional evidence. An application for rehearing must be submitted within **30 days** of the mailed date by personal service, postal delivery, electronic delivery, or facsimile transmission to the contact information shown at the bottom of the page.

### **3. REOPENING**

You may file for reopening with the Commission **after** the 30-day appeal period expires but within 1 year after the date of mailing.

The Act provides that the Commission may, for good cause, reopen and review a prior decision and issue a new decision **after** the 30-day appeal period has expired, but a review shall not be made unless the request is filed with the Commission, or review is initiated by the Commission with notice to the interested parties, within 1 year after the date of mailing of the prior decision. A request for reopening must be submitted by personal service, postal delivery, electronic delivery, or facsimile transmission to the contact information shown at the bottom of this page.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

Appeal Docket No.: [REDACTED] 25-002195

Claimant.

UIA Case No.: [REDACTED]

DECISION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS COMMISSION

On September 23, 2024, the Unemployment Insurance Agency (Agency) issued a redetermination that found the claimant ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits from January 2, 2021, through September 4, 2021, under Section 28(1)(a) of the Michigan Employment Security Act (Act). The Agency found the claimant ineligible for PUA benefits, because she failed to submit documentation to the Agency substantiating employment or self-employment or planned commencement of employment or self-employment by August 18, 2021, as required by Section 241 of the Continued Assistance Act (CAA). The redetermination also found the claimant subject to restitution under Section 62(a) of the Act.

The claimant timely appealed the redetermination, and an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) hearing was scheduled for January 6, 2025. Because the claimant did not appear for the hearing, the ALJ issued a January 7, 2025 order that dismissed the claimant's appeal for lack of prosecution. The claimant then, on January 8, 2025, appealed to the Commission.

After reviewing the claimant's appeal, the Commission issued a May 23, 2025 order that set aside the ALJ's decision and remanded the matter to the ALJ for a show cause hearing. Pursuant to the Commission's remand order, a show cause hearing was noticed for July 2, 2025. Based on the evidence received during that hearing, the ALJ issued a July 3, 2025 order that found the claimant had good cause for her absence from the January 6, 2025 hearing, set aside the Agency's non-monetary Section 241 adjudications, and returned the matter to the Agency with instructions to conduct a fraud / identity theft investigation.

It is the Agency's appeal from the ALJ's July 3, 2025 order that again places this matter before the Commission. After reviewing the record, the Commission agrees that the claimant had good cause for rehearing. However, the Commission does not agree that the ALJ should have set aside the Agency's non-monetary Section 241 adjudications. There was a timely appeal and pursuant to 33(1) of the Act the claimant was entitled to a hearing.

Regarding whether the claimant satisfied the requirements of Section 241 of the CAA and is eligible for PUA benefits, there is no evidence in the record indicating that the claimant provided the Agency with documentation substantiating employment or self-employment or planned commencement of employment or self-employment by August 18, 2021. The claimant could not prove any actual or planned employment (or self-employment) from her documentation period of January 1, 2020 through May 1, 2020.

Consequently, she is ineligible for PUA benefits for failing to satisfy the substantiating documentation requirement of Section 241 of the CAA, and is liable for restitution under Section 62(a) of the Act.

The claimant may owe restitution as a result of this decision. Claimants can request a waiver of restitution due to financial hardship through MiWAM. The waiver form can also be found online ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia/1795\\_1-31-18\\_615596\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia/1795_1-31-18_615596_7.pdf)), or requested by fax (517-636-0427), mail (Unemployment Insurance Agency, P.O. Box 169, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-0169), or phone (866-500-0017, TTY 866-366-0004).

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the portion of the ALJ's July 3, 2025 order that found the claimant had good cause for rehearing is affirmed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the portion of the ALJ's July 3, 2025 order that set aside the Agency's non-monetary adjudications is set aside.

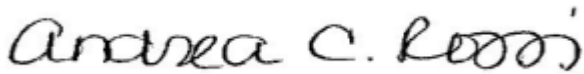
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Agency's September 23, 2024 redetermination is affirmed and the claimant is ineligible for PUA benefits from January 2, 2021 through September 4, 2021 pursuant to Section 241 of the CAA.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the claimant is liable for restitution under Section 62(a) of the Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter is referred to the Agency for action consistent with this decision.



Alejandra Del Pino, Commissioner



Andrea C. Rossi, Commissioner



George Wyatt III, Commissioner

MAILED AT LANSING, MICHIGAN February 23, 2026

This decision shall be final unless EITHER (1) the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Commission RECEIVES a written request for rehearing on or before the deadline, OR (2) the appropriate circuit court RECEIVES an appeal on or before the deadline. The deadline is:

**TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU MUST BE ON TIME. March 25, 2026**

## English

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