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DIRECTOR

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Date Mailed: March 15, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-000621
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: DHHS
Respondent: [REDACTED]

SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan Owens

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

Following Petitioner's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned administrative law judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was commenced on March 9, 2016, from Detroit, Michigan. Respondent appeared and was unrepresented. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was represented by [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist, and [REDACTED], Family Independence Manager.

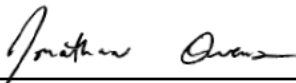
The hearing commenced without the participation of the recoupment specialist. The Administrative Law Judge made attempts to contact the recoupment specialist utilizing the telephone number listed in the hearing file. The hearing proceeded without the participation of the recoupment specialist after the Administrative Law Judge was unable to make contact with the recoupment specialist.

MAHS discovered following the proceeding, the recoupment specialist had contacted MAHS reception after the hearing had been assigned and given to the Administrative Law Judge. The recoupment specialist provided her telephone number to contact her at for the proceeding to the MAHS receptionist. The Administrative Law Judge was not informed of this telephone number. As a result, the recoupment specialist was improperly excluded from the proceeding.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for March 9, 2016, is continued to a date and time to be set in the future to allow for the conclusion of the

hearing and to allow all parties the opportunity to finish presenting their cases. Notice will be provided to parties in accordance with applicable law and policy.

JWO/jaf



Jonathan Owens
Supervising Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Order in circuit court within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the circuit court appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System.

DHHS

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Respondent

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