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Date Mailed: April 13, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-002393  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jacquelyn A. McClinton**

**HEARING DECISION**

Upon the request for a hearing by the Department of Health and Human Services (Department), this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9, and in accordance with Titles 7, 42 and 45 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), particularly 7 CFR 273.16 and 45 CFR 235.110; and with Mich Admin Code, R 400.3130 and 400.3178. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on April 7, 2016, from Detroit, Michigan. The Department was represented by [REDACTED], Recoupment Specialist of the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The Respondent was represented by Respondent.

**ISSUE**

Did Respondent receive an overissuance (OI) of FAP benefits in the amount of \$451.00?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Respondent was a recipient of FAP benefits from the Department.
2. The Department alleges Respondent received a FAP OI during the period September 2015 through February 2016 due to Respondent's error.
3. The Department alleges that Respondent received \$451.00 OI that is still due and owing to the Department.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 to .3015.

The amount of the OI is the benefit amount the client actually received minus the amount the client was eligible to receive. BAM 715 (July 2014), p. 6; BAM 705 (July 2014 p 6.

In this case, the Department alleged that the Respondent received an overissuance from September 2015 through February 2016 in the amount of \$415.00. However, the income information from the Social Security Administration and the budget information provided by the Department is inconsistent. The information provided is as follows:

Income Received by Social Security Administration:

September 2015: \$336.90 + \$ 488.67 = **\$825.57**

October 2015: \$336.90 + \$151.77 = **\$488.67**

November 2015: **\$336.90**

December 2015: \$336.90 + \$2,199.00 + \$416.10 = **2,952.00**

January 2016: \$336.90 + \$416.10 = **\$753.00**

February 2016: **\$336.90**

Alleged unreported income budgeted by the Department:

September 2015: **\$833.00**

October 2015: **\$501.00**

November 2015: **\$501.00**

December 2015: **\$766.00**

January 2016: **\$766.00**

February 2016: **\$766.00**

The Department was unable to articulate the discrepancy. As such, it is found that the Department has failed to establish the correct amount of any overissuances which may have existed and has therefore failed to establish the debt.

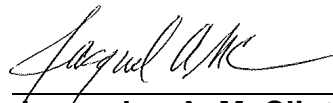
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department did not establish a FAP benefit OI to Respondent totaling \$451.00.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department is **REVERSED**.

The Department has failed to establish the debt and therefore recoupment is **DENIED**.

JM/hw



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**Jacquelyn A. McClinton**

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 (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MAHS within 30 days of the date the Order was issued. The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must provide the specific reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
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