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Date Mailed: December 16, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: [REDACTED]
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]
Respondent: [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 [REDACTED], from Detroit, Michigan. The Department was represented by [REDACTED], Regulation Agent of the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

Respondent did not appear. This matter having been initiated by the Department and due notice having been provided to Respondent, the hearing was held in Respondent's absence.

ISSUE

Did Respondent receive an over-issuance (OI) of MA benefits?

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 MA benefits from the Department.
2. The Department alleges Respondent received an MA OI during the period [REDACTED] due to Respondent's error.

3. On [REDACTED], the Department requested a hearing alleging that Respondent received [REDACTED] in over-issuance of MA benefits 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 State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The Department of Health and Human Services (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the SDA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

Additionally, when a client group receives more benefits than they are entitled to receive, the Department must attempt to recoup the OI. BAM 700 (July 2013), p. 1. An agency error OI is caused by incorrect actions by the Department, including delayed or no action, which result in the client receiving more benefits than they were entitled to receive. BAM 700, p. 1. A client error OI occurs when the client received more benefits than they were entitled to because the client gave incorrect or inaccurate information to the Department. BAM 700, p. 6. 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 2013), p. 6.

In this case, the Department alleges that Respondent received an OI of FAP benefits in the amount of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] through [REDACTED]. The Department presented evidence which revealed that Respondent began working in Georgia on [REDACTED] and continued to do so until [REDACTED]. The Department further presented evidence to show that Respondent and her child received MA benefits from Georgia beginning [REDACTED] and continuing until at least [REDACTED].

Under Department policy for purposes of MA benefits, an individual is a resident if he/she is living in Michigan, except for a temporary absence and intends to remain in Michigan permanently or indefinitely. BEM 220 (February 2014), p. 2. In this case, there was no evidence provided to show that Respondent's absence was temporary or that she intended to remain in Michigan either permanently or indefinitely. As previously stated, Respondent began working in Georgia on [REDACTED]. By [REDACTED], it was clear that Respondent had been residing outside the State of Michigan for more than 30 days and did not intend to return. Therefore, the Department has established it is entitled to recoup the [REDACTED] in MA benefits it issued to Respondent during the fraud period.

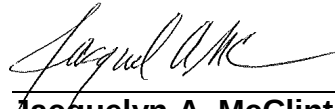
DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department did establish an MA benefit OI to Respondent totaling [REDACTED]

Accordingly, the Department is **AFFIRMED**.

The Department is ORDERED to initiate collection procedures for a \$ [REDACTED] OI relating to MA benefits in accordance with Department policy.

JM/hw



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:

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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
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