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Date Mailed: [REDACTED] June 28, 2017
MAHS Docket No.: 17-006302
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Respondent: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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 [REDACTED], Michigan. The Department was represented by [REDACTED], Recoupment Specialist. Respondent was represented by herself.

ISSUE

Did Respondent receive an over-issuance (OI) of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits due to Department error?

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 [REDACTED], through [REDACTED], due to Department's error.
3. The Department alleges that Respondent received an OI of \$ [REDACTED] 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.

Additionally, Respondent was a recipient of FAP benefits from the Department. The Department alleges Respondent received a FAP OI during the period [REDACTED], through [REDACTED], due to Department's error. The Department alleges that Respondent received \$ [REDACTED] OI that is still due and owing to the Department. BAM 700, 705, and 725. BEM 203. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 4-41.

During the hearing, Respondent stated that she reported on the application that she had 2 drug felonies. The Department still gave her FAP benefits. She does not think that she was at fault because she reported the felonies and should not have to repay the money. The Recoupment Specialist conceded that Respondent did report the 2 drug felonies on her application, but the Department failed to properly deny her FAP benefits. Since Respondent received a FAP OI due to Department error, Respondent is required to pay the OI because she received benefits that she was not entitled to, based on Department policy.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department did establish a FAP benefit OI to Respondent totaling \$ [REDACTED].

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department is **AFFIRMED**.

The Department is **ORDERED** to initiate collection procedures for an \$ [REDACTED] FAP OI in accordance with Department policy.

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Carmen G. Fahie
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
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P.O. Box 30639
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Respondent

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