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Date Mailed: July 2, 2018
MAHS Docket No.: 18-005262
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Respondent: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki Armstrong

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, 42 CFR 431.230(b), 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 June 22, 2018, from Lansing, Michigan. Respondent personally appeared and testified.

The Department was represented by Recoupment Specialist Dawn McKay, and Assistance Payment Supervisor Kim Kilmer. Ms. McKay testified during the hearing. The Department submitted 68 exhibits which were admitted into evidence. The record was closed at the conclusion of the hearing.

ISSUE

Did Respondent receive an over-issuance (OI) of Food Assistance Program (FAP) 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 FAP benefits from the Department.
2. The Department alleges Respondent received a FAP OI during the period of January 1, 2018, through March 31, 2018, due to the Department's error.

3. The Department alleges that Respondent received a \$1,244.00 FAP OI that is still due and owing to the Department.
4. Respondent did not contest the agency error but requested a hardship exception as she was unable to afford to pay it back.

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.

Respondent understood the Department's actions but was requesting a hardship exception, because she is unable to afford the \$50.00 a month repayment plan. The Recoupment Specialist explained to Respondent that she would have to contact the Welfare Debt Office and gave her the contact information.

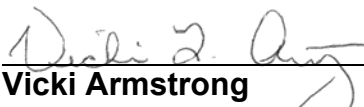
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department did establish a FAP benefit OI to Respondent totaling \$1,244.00.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department is AFFIRMED.

The Department is ORDERED to initiate collection procedures for a \$1,244.00 OI in accordance with Department policy.

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Vicki Armstrong
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).

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