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Date Mailed: March 28, 2019  
MAHS Docket No.: 19-001632  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [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, 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 March 21, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. The Department was represented by Darlene Decoster, Eligibility Specialist, Tracy Upshaw, Recoupment Specialist, and Department Bengali Interpreter, Adibul Kamali. The Petitioner was represented by herself and her son, authorized representative, and interpreter, [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Did Respondent receive an over-issuance (OI) of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits that the Department is required to recoup?

**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 February 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019, due to **Department's** error.
3. The Department alleges that Respondent received \$2,304.00 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.

Additionally, Respondent entered the United States on February 8, 2017. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 12-14. She applied for FAP benefits on April 12, 2017. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 15-42. The Department Caseworker approved the Respondent in error for FAP benefits. The Respondent had not been in the United States for five years based on her Alien Status, which made her not eligible for FAP benefits based on her Permanent Resident Alien code. BAM 700-725. BEM 225. As a result, the Respondent did receive an OI of FAP benefits that the Department is required to recoup in the amount of \$2,304.00.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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 \$2,304.00.

Accordingly, the Department is **AFFIRMED**.

The Department is **ORDERED** to initiate collection procedures for a FAP \$2,304.00 OI in accordance with Department policy.

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**Carmen G. Fahie**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Robert Gordon, 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) 763-0155; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

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