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Date Mailed: July 28, 2020 MOAHR Docket No.: 20-004038 Agency No.: Petitioner:

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

# **HEARING DECISION**

Following Petitioner's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on July 9, 2020, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner did not appear. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Jason Morris Recoupment Specialist. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1- 27 was received and admitted.

## **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine that Petitioner received an overissuance 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 applied for and received FAP benefits from the Department.
- 2. Respondent failed to disclose increase in employment income from Circle K above the simplified reporting amount and new employment from Burger King.
- 3. The Department alleges Respondent received a FAP OI during the period October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, due to **Client** error.
- 4. The Department alleges that Respondent received \$860 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.

#### OVERISSUANCE AMOUNT FIP, SDA, CDC and FAP

The amount of the overissuance is the benefit amount the group or provider actually received minus the amount the group was eligible to receive. BAM 715

Additionally, the Department provided sufficient proof that Petitioner received an overissuance of FAP benefits totaling \$860. Petitioner failed to disclose employment income increase from and new employment from the Department policy requires that all overissuances be recouped if they are due to client error. BAM 705 This was the action taken by the Department and it was proper and correct.

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 \$860

## DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department is AFFIRMED.

The Department is ORDERED to initiate collection procedures for a/an \$860 OI in accordance with Department policy.

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Aaron McClintic Administrative Law Judge for Robert Gordon, Director Department of Health and Human Services

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**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 Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MOAHR 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. MOAHR will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MOAHR. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 763-0155; Attention: MOAHR Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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