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Date Mailed: August 18, 2020
MOAHR Docket No.: 20-004464
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

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 August 13, 2020, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner appeared and testified and was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Ms. Smalley, Recoupment Specialist. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-124 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine that Petitioner received an overissuance of Family Independence Program (FIP) and 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. Petitioner applied for and received FIP and FAP benefits from the Department.
2. Petitioner failed to disclose employment income from her husband who was residing in the household.
3. The Department alleges Petitioner received a FAP OI during the period April 1, 2020, through May 31, 2020, due to **Client** error.
4. The Department alleges Petitioner received FIP OI during the period April 1, 2020, through May 31, 2020, due to Client error.

5. The Department alleges that Petitioner received \$2,577 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.

The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and 42 USC 601 to 679c. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FIP pursuant to 45 CFR 233-260, MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101-.3131.

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

Spouses

Spouses who are legally married and live together **must** be in the same group. BEM 212

Additionally, the Department provided sufficient proof that Petitioner received an overissuance of FAP benefits totaling \$1,536 and FIP benefits totaling \$1,041. Petitioner failed to disclose her husband's employment income. 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. Petitioner testified that she asked her husband if he was laid off and not receiving employment income and he stated that he was. Petitioner later discovered that he continued to receive employment income. Petitioner testified that she and her husband were separated but still living together in the same household. Petitioner testified that she was only pursuing benefits for herself and her children. Because Petitioner was married and residing at the same home as her husband, he was a mandatory group member and his income was required to be budgeted. BEM 212 Petitioner's husband's income was not disclosed and was not budgeted and that resulted in an overissuance. The

Department's determination of overissuance was proper and correct and consistent with 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 \$1,536 and FIP totaling \$1,041.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department is AFFIRMED.

The Department is ORDERED to initiate collection procedures for a \$2,577 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

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.

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

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