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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; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a hearing was held via telephone conference on February 18, 2026. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Lisa Carlson, Overpayment Establishment Analyst. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-54 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine that Petitioner received an overissuance of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits due to agency 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. Petitioner was a recipient of FAP benefits.
2. Petitioner had a medical expense incorrectly included in her FAP budget that was from several years ago.
3. On January [REDACTED], 2026, a Notice of Overissuance was sent to Petitioner alleging that she received an overissuance of FAP benefits totaling \$[REDACTED] during the time period from March 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, due to agency error.
4. On January 23, 2026, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the determination of overissuance.

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), Department of Health and Human Services Reference

Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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-.3011.

OVERPAYMENT AMOUNT FIP, SDA, RCA, CDC and FAP

The amount of benefits issued to the client, household, or provider in excess of what the recipient(s) was/were eligible to receive. BAM 720

All Programs

If a household receives benefits, and the department makes an error, the adult(s) in the household must repay the extra benefits they are not eligible for. The benefits must be repaid even if there was no fraud. BAM 705

In this case, Petitioner was a recipient of FAP benefits. Petitioner had a medical expense from many years ago included in her FAP budget due to a technological glitch. On January █ 2026, a Notice of Overissuance was sent to Petitioner alleging that she received an overissuance of FAP benefits during the time period from March 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, totaling \$█ due to agency error. Petitioner questioned why she should be required to repay the overissuance if it was Department error. It was explained that overissuance over the threshold amount is required to be recouped according to Department policy. The Department provided sufficient proof to establish that Petitioner received an agency error above the \$250 threshold amount that needs to be recouped. Therefore, the Department action was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. BAM 705

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined that Petitioner received an overissuance of FAP benefits totaling \$█ during the time period from March 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



AARON MCCLINTIC
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

APPEAL RIGHTS: Petitioner may appeal this Hearing Decision to the circuit court. Rules for appeals to the circuit court can be found in the Michigan Court Rules (MCR), including MCR 7.101 to MCR 7.123, available at the Michigan Courts website at courts.michigan.gov. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) cannot provide legal advice, but assistance may be available through the State Bar of Michigan at <https://irs.michbar.org> or Michigan Legal Help at <https://michiganlegalhelp.org>. A copy of the circuit court appeal should be sent to MOAHR. A circuit court appeal may result in a reversal of the Hearing Decision.

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