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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals**

In the Matter of

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DECISION

SSO/150573

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed July 6, 2013, under Wis. Admin. Code, § HA3.03, to review a decision by the Division of Health Care Access And Accountability (DHCAA) to recover state Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a hearing was held on August 28, 2013, by telephone.

The issue for determination is whether petitioner was overpaid state SSI.

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Written submission of Melissa Sherry

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Brian C. Schneider
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) is a resident of Minnesota. She formerly resided in Rock County.
2. Petitioner moved to Minnesota from Rock County in late August, 2012. She reported the move to the Social Security Administration (SSA) and her SSI was sent to the new address beginning November 1, 2012. The SSA changed her residence from Wisconsin to Minnesota retroactively to September 1, 2012.
3. Because Wisconsin issued state supplemental SSI for September and October, 2012, the state SSI office notified petitioner that she was overpaid those two payments, in the total of \$132.06.

DISCUSSION

Effective January 1, 1996, the State of Wisconsin began sending out its state supplemental SSI payments separately from federal SSI payments (they had previously been sent out as one check by the SSA), as mandated by Wis. Stat., §49.77. As part of the change, the state began to perform administrative functions involving the state payments that were done by the SSA for the federal SSI. One such function is the recovery of state SSI overpayments. When the state seeks to recover an overpayment, it must inform the recipient or former recipient of the action, and give that person the right to appeal the decision.

Wis. Admin. Code, §DHS 2.04(3) allows for the department to recoup, at the rate of 10% of the benefit paid, overpayments of incorrectly paid benefits including state SSI, regardless of fault. "Incorrectly paid benefits" means payments in an amount in excess of what the person was eligible to receive during the period in which the payments were made. Admin. Code, §DHS 2.03(5).

Petitioner was and is eligible for state SSI because she is a federal SSI recipient. See Wis. Stat., §49.77(2)(a)2. Because the SSA determined that she was a resident of Minnesota in September and October, 2012, a fact that petitioner does not dispute, it follows that she was not eligible for the Wisconsin state SSI supplement during that period. Thus the state has determined correctly that petitioner was overpaid state SSI in two months in 2012.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The agency correctly sought to recover state SSI from September and October, 2012, 2011 because the federal SSA determined that petitioner was not a Wisconsin resident in those two months.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the petition for review herein be and the same is hereby dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

This is a final administrative decision. If you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law, you may request a rehearing. You may also ask for a rehearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision. Your request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it at your first hearing. If you do not explain these things, your request will have to be denied.

To ask for a rehearing, send a written request to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. Send a copy of your request to the other people named in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your request for a rehearing must be received no later than 20 days after the date of the decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

The process for asking for a rehearing is in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes can be found at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be served and filed with the appropriate court no more than 30 days after the date of this hearing decision (or 30 days after a denial of rehearing, if you ask for one).

For purposes of appeal to circuit court, the Respondent in this matter is the Department of Health Services. After filing the appeal with the appropriate court, it must be served on the Secretary of that Department, either personally or by certified mail. The address of the Department is: 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. A copy should also be sent to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400.

The appeal must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" named in this decision. The process for appeals to the Circuit Court is in Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 4th day of September, 2013

\sBrian C. Schneider
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on September 4, 2013.

Division of Health Care Access And Accountability
State SSI