



STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

Redacted case name

DECISION

FOP/162250

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed November 26, 2014, under Wis. Admin. Code §HA 3.03, to review a decision by the Public Assistance Collection Unit in regard to FoodShare benefits (FS), a hearing was held on December 18, 2014, at New Richmond, Wisconsin.

The issue for determination is whether the petitioner's appeal is timely.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

Redacted petitioner name

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Redacted name

Public Assistance Collection Unit
P.O. Box 8939
Madison, WI 53708-8938

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Michael D. O'Brien
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The petitioner (CARES # Redacted) is a resident of St. Croix County.
2. The Public Assistance Collections Unit notified the petitioner on August 8, 2014, that it would seek to recover the \$1,134 in FoodShare benefits paid to her household from January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014. The petitioner appealed that decision on November 26, 2014.

DISCUSSION

Federal regulations require state agencies to “establish a claim against any household that has received more [FoodShare] benefits than it is entitled to receive.” 7 CFR § 273.18(a). PACU notified the petitioner on August 8, 2014, that it would seek to recover the \$1,134 in FoodShare benefits paid to her from January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014. FoodShare recipients must appeal negative decisions within 90 days of the date of the decision or the date that the decision takes effect, whichever is later. Wis. Adm. Code § HA 3.05(3). If an appeal is filed late, the Division of Hearings and Appeals loses its legal authority to consider the matter and must dismiss it. The petitioner testified that she was in Redact on August 8, 2014, but that she returned the following month. She did not appeal until November 26, 2014, or 110 days later. Because she did not appeal the agency’s decision within 90 days, I have no jurisdiction to consider it.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

There is no jurisdiction to consider the petitioner’s appeal because it is untimely.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the petitioner's appeal is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or 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 filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in this decision as “PARTIES IN INTEREST” **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 18th day of December, 2014

\sMichael D. O'Brien
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on December 18, 2014.

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Division of Health Care Access and Accountability