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

In the Matter of:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DECISION

MOP/171903

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed February 3, 2016, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03(1), to review a decision by the Public Assistance Collection Unit ["PACU"] in regard to Medical Assistance ["MA"], a Hearing was held via telephone from Madison, Wisconsin on April 19, 2016. At petitioner's request Hearings scheduled for March 29, 2016 and March 1, 2016 were rescheduled. The Hearing for this matter was held at the same time as the Hearing for the following related matter concerning the same petitioner: FTI/171900.

The issue for determination is whether the Division of Hearings and Appeals ["DHA"] has jurisdiction to decide the merits of this matter.

There appeared at that time via telephone the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

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

BY: [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Fraud Investigator
Public Assistance Collection Unit
PO Box 8938
Madison, WI 53708-8938

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Sean P. Maloney
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) is a resident of the State of [REDACTED].
2. Petitioner received a letter notice dated July 15, 2015 and entitled *Medical Assistance/BadgerCare/BadgerCare Plus Overpayment Notice*; that notice informed petitioner that he had been overpaid \$8,392.00 in MA for the time period January 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015 (Claim # [REDACTED]); the notice also informed petitioner of his appeal rights and of the process for requesting a Hearing, including the time limit for requesting a Hearing. Exhibit #B5.
3. Petitioner received a second letter notice dated July 15, 2015 and entitled *Medical Assistance/BadgerCare/BadgerCare Plus Overpayment Notice*; that notice informed petitioner that he had been overpaid \$1,258.80 in MA for the time period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 (Claim # [REDACTED]); the notice also informed petitioner of his appeal rights and of the process for requesting a Hearing, including the time limit for requesting a Hearing. Exhibit #B5.
4. Petitioner received a third letter notice dated July 15, 2015 and entitled *Medical Assistance/BadgerCare/BadgerCare Plus Overpayment Notice*; that notice informed petitioner that he had been overpaid \$419.60 in MA for the time period September 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 (Claim # [REDACTED]); the notice also informed petitioner of his appeal rights and of the process for requesting a Hearing, including the time limit for requesting a Hearing. Exhibit #B5.
5. Petitioner received a fourth letter notice dated July 15, 2015 and entitled *Medical Assistance/BadgerCare/BadgerCare Plus Overpayment Notice*; that notice informed petitioner that he had been overpaid \$170.84 in MA for the time period February 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014 (Claim # [REDACTED]); the notice also informed petitioner of his appeal rights and of the process for requesting a Hearing, including the time limit for requesting a Hearing. Exhibit #B5.
6. Petitioner did not request a Hearing concerning the above detailed MA overpayments until February 2016; his request for a Hearing was made by way of an undated handwritten letter received by DHA on February 8, 2016 via U.S. Mail postmarked February 3, 2016.

DISCUSSION

DHA can only hear cases on the merits if there is jurisdiction to do so. There is no jurisdiction if an appeal is untimely. An appeal concerning MA is untimely if it is not received by DHA within 45 days of the date of the action being appealed. See, 42 C.F.R. § 431.221(d) (2015); Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5)(a) (2013-14); Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 104.01(5)(a)3. (December 2008); Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.05(3) (February 2013); *BadgerCare Plus Eligibility Handbook* ["BC+ Handbook"] 29.2.; *Income Maintenance Manual* ["IMM"] 3.3.2. A Hearing request that is not received within the 45-day time period must be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.05(4)(e) (February 2013).

In this case, the actions being appealed are the July 15, 2015 letter notices that informed petitioner of the 4 MA overpayments (a total of \$10,241.24 in MA overpayments spanning the time period February 1, 2013 to May 31, 2015). Petitioner's request for a Hearing was not filed until February 3, 2016. See, Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.05(3)(c) (February 2013). This is well beyond the allowed 45 days. Therefore, petitioner's appeal is untimely and no jurisdiction exists for DHA to consider the merits of petitioner's appeal.

Petitioner testified that he received some of the July 15, 2015 letter notices but not all of them. This is not credible. First, all the letter notices were dated the same and sent to the same address. Second, petitioner

has recently been found to have committed an Intentional Program Violation [”IPV”] in the Food Stamp [“FS”] program. See, DHA Case No. FOF-170626 (Wis. Div. Hearings & Appeals March 29, 2016) (DHS). This calls into question his credibility in general.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

For the reasons discussed above, DHA does not have jurisdiction in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

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

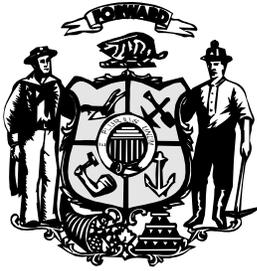
APPEAL TO COURT

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 27th day of April, 2016

\sSean P. Maloney
Administrative Law Judge
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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on April 27, 2016.

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