

Report Highlights

Louisiana Department of Health – Medicaid Recipient Report No. 12

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Why We Conducted This Audit

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) used tax return data from the Louisiana Department of Revenue to identify Medicaid recipients who reported income in excess of \$100,000 during 2017. The list of recipients who met these criteria was provided to the LLA in April 2019. A.B. was included on this list and selected for review by LLA because of the level of activity in her Medicaid case file (claims paid in excess of \$16,000). LLA initiated this investigative audit to determine if A.B. provided LDH with complete and accurate information to determine Medicaid eligibility for herself and her children.

What We Found

Recipient Provided Incomplete and Inaccurate Information to Obtain Medicaid Benefits

Medicaid recipient A.B. provided incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH in order to obtain Louisiana Medicaid (Medicaid) benefits for herself and her two children. LDH paid \$45,946 for monthly premiums to Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and \$3,383 in fee for service payments directly to providers on behalf of A.B. and her children from June 2016 through December 2019. The MCOs made payments totaling \$20,286 to providers for covered health care services for A.B. and her children. During this period, A.B. failed to disclose all household members and household income to LDH. Had she provided complete and accurate information, A.B. and her children may have been ineligible to receive Medicaid benefits. By providing incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH, A.B. may have violated state law.