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Report Highlights

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Medicaid Eligibility No. 8

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Why We Conducted This Audit

LDH used tax return data from the Louisiana Department of Revenue to identify Medicaid recipients who reported income in excess of \$100,000 during tax year 2017. The list of recipients who met these criteria was provided to the LLA in April 2019. AB was included on this list and selected for review by LLA because we determined that AB and her husband had income from self-employment that was not reported to LDH. LLA initiated this investigative audit to determine if AB provided LDH with complete and accurate information to determine Medicaid eligibility for herself, her husband, and her children.

What We Found

Recipient Provided Incomplete and Inaccurate Information to Obtain Medicaid Benefits

AB provided incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH to obtain Louisiana Medicaid (Medicaid) benefits for herself, her husband (CD), and their two minor children. LDH paid managed care organizations (MCOs) \$38,324 in monthly premiums and \$1,425 to healthcare providers in fee-for-service payments on behalf of AB, CD, and their children for medical services rendered from December 2015 to October 2018. MCOs paid providers \$8,410 for covered health care services on behalf of AB, CD, and their children. During this period, AB failed to disclose changes in her and her husband's income to LDH. Had she provided complete and accurate information, AB, CD, and their children may not have been eligible to receive Medicaid benefits. By providing incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH, AB may have violated state law.

View the full report, including management's response, at www.la.gov.