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## Report Highlights

# Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Medicaid Eligibility – Lora Jean Spikes

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### Why We Conducted This Audit

LDH used tax return data from the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) 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. Lora Jean Spikes 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 Ms. Spikes provided LDH with complete and accurate information to determine her Medicaid eligibility.

### What We Found

#### Recipient Provided Incomplete and Inaccurate Information to Obtain Medicaid Benefits

Lora Jean Spikes provided incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH to obtain Louisiana Medicaid (Medicaid) benefits. LDH paid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) \$23,206 for monthly premiums on Ms. Spikes' behalf from December 2015 to June 2020. The MCOs paid health care providers \$36,077 for Ms. Spikes' covered services. During this period, Ms. Spikes failed to disclose all household members and household income to LDH. Had she provided complete and accurate information, Ms. Spikes may have been ineligible to receive Medicaid benefits. Ms. Spikes was still enrolled in the Medicaid program as of August 31, 2020. By providing incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH, Ms. Spikes may have violated state law.

View the full report, including management's response, at [www.la.gov](http://www.la.gov).