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Report Highlights

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Medicaid Eligibility – Paul and Amanda Bratlie

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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. Paul and Amanda Bratlie were included on this list and selected for review by LLA because we determined that Mr. Bratlie had income from self-employment that was not reported to LDH. LLA initiated this investigative audit to determine if these recipients provided LDH with complete and accurate information to determine their Medicaid eligibility.

What We Found

Recipients Failed to Notify LDH of Changes to Income

Paul and Amanda Bratlie, husband and wife, failed to notify LDH of changes to their household income. As a result, Mr. Bratlie, Ms. Bratlie, and their children continued to receive Medicaid coverage after their household income exceeded Medicaid program limits. LDH paid \$45,352 for monthly premiums to Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) on behalf of the Bratlies and their children, and the MCOs paid providers \$9,713 for covered health care services from October 2016 to September 2019. Had they informed LDH of changes to their household income, Mr. Bratlie, Ms. Bratlie, and their children may have been ineligible to receive Medicaid benefits from October 2016 to September 2019. By failing to notify LDH of changes to their household income, Mr. Bratlie and Ms. Bratlie may have violated state law.

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