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Report Highlights

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Medicaid Eligibility – Kim Thornton

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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. Kim Thornton 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. Thornton 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

Kim Thornton provided incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH in order to obtain Louisiana Medicaid (Medicaid) benefits for herself and her three children. LDH paid \$58,824 for monthly premiums to Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and \$1,603 directly to providers on behalf of Ms. Thornton and her children from January 2016 to December 2019. The MCOs paid providers \$62,513 for covered health care services for Ms. Thornton and her children. During this period, Ms. Thornton failed to disclose all household members and household income to LDH. Had she provided complete and accurate information to LDH, Ms. Thornton and her children may have been ineligible to receive Medicaid benefits. By providing incomplete and inaccurate information to LDH, Ms. Thornton may have violated state law.

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