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07.03.14 Correction of Payment Irregularities

Authority: [Article 88A, §16A] *Human Services Article, §§4-207, 4-303, 5-207, and 5-607*, Annotated Code of Maryland (Agency Note: Federal Regulatory Reference 45 CFR 233.20(a)(12))

Notice of Proposed Action

[14-017-P]

The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources proposes to amend Regulations **.04** and **.05** under **COMAR 07.03.14 Correction of Payment Irregularities**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to replace references to a former division within the Office of the Inspector General and incorporate a name change for the program formerly known as Food Stamps.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Andrea Shuck, Regulations Coordinator, Department of Human Resources, 311 W. Saratoga St., room 265, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-2149, or email to andrea.shuck@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-333-0637. Comments will be accepted through February 10, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.04 Suspected Fraud Procedures.

A. When the local department suspects fraud, the local department shall refer the case to the [Division of Special Investigations (DSI) of the] Office of the Inspector General (*OIG*) or directly to the local State's Attorney Office (*SAO*).

B. (text unchanged)

C. After a referral has been made, the local department shall inform the [DSI] *OIG* or the *SAO* of any newly discovered facts or changed circumstances in the case.

D. (text unchanged)

E. The local department may not give notice to an applicant or recipient of any referral to [DSI] *OIG* or *SAO* for action on suspected fraud except that the local department representative may answer "yes" or "no" when the recipient asks whether referral has been made.

F. (text unchanged)

.05 Recoupment Procedures.

A. —B. (text unchanged)

C. Local Department Action with Respect to Specific Situation. The local department:

(1) Shall handle any improper food [stamp] *supplement* issuance in accordance with COMAR 07.03.17.53—.55;

(2) — (5) (text unchanged)

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