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An Act To Require That Electronic Benefits Transfer System Cash Benefits Are Used for the Purpose for Which the Benefits Are Provided

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §23, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Cash transactions. A recipient shall retain a receipt for every cash transaction the recipient makes under the electronic benefits transfer system established under section 22 and on a monthly basis remit to the department copies of all receipts on a form provided by the department. If the department determines that a cash transaction of a recipient was improper under state or federal law, the department shall deduct the amount of the transaction from the recipient's benefits under the electronic benefits transfer system for the month subsequent to the determination of an improper transaction.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a recipient of benefits under the electronic benefits transfer system to retain a receipt of every cash transaction the recipient makes under the system and to provide the receipts monthly to the Department of Health and Human Services. This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to deduct the amount of a transaction the department determines is improper under state or federal law from the recipient's monthly benefits.