Notice of Proposed Attorney's Fees Settlement and Right to Object In Lawsuit Against the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

Barry v. Lyon, Case No. 13-cv-13185

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division

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In the *Barry v. Lyon* lawsuit, the courts decided that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) used improper notices to deny cash, food, or childcare benefits based on "criminal justice disqualifications," and that MDHHS cannot deny food assistance based solely on a felony warrant. If you are a class member, you should have received notice by mail that you can reapply for benefits and that you may be able to get back benefits.

The attorney's representing the named Plaintiffs and class members in lawsuit have now filed a motion asking the Court to approve a settlement of attorney's fees and costs. The amount of fees and costs paid to the attorneys will not affect the amount of money that class members receive. The fee motion is available at [INSERT URL LINK]. If you believe you are a class member, do not have access to a computer, and would like to review the motion, you may call (313) 578-6826.

If you are a class member, you may file an objection on your own or through an attorney. Your objection must include the case name (*Barry v. Lyon*) and case number (Case No. 13-cv-13185), your name, your address, and a telephone number where you may be reached. You must sign the objection.

If you object, the signed objection (with the information listed above) must be mailed no later than April 13, 2017, to **all** of the following:

- (1) Clerk, U.S. District Court, 231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226.
- (2) **Center for Civil Justice,** Attorney for the Class, 436 S. Saginaw, Ste. 400, Flint, MI 48502.
- (3) American Civil Liberties Union Fund of Michigan, Attorney for the Class 1514 Wealthy SE, Suite 242, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
- (3) **Joshua S. Smith,** Assistant Attorney General, Attorney for Defendant, P.O. Box 30758, Lansing, MI 48909.