



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5101.83 Repaying fraudulent assistance.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Assistance group" has the same meaning as in section 5107.02 of the Revised Code, except that it also means a group provided benefits and services under the prevention, retention, and contingency program or the comprehensive case management and employment program.

(2) "Fraudulent assistance" means assistance and services, including cash assistance, provided under the Ohio works first program established under Chapter 5107., or benefits and services provided under the prevention, retention, and contingency program established under Chapter 5108. of the Revised Code or under the comprehensive case management and employment program established under Chapter 5116. of the Revised Code, to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of fraud by a member of the assistance group, including an intentional violation of the program's requirements. "Fraudulent assistance" does not include assistance or services to or on behalf of an assistance group that is provided as a result of an error that is the fault of a county department of job and family services, the Ohio department of job and family services, or the department of children and youth.

(B) If a county director of job and family services determines that an assistance group has received fraudulent assistance, the assistance group is ineligible to participate in the Ohio works first program, the prevention, retention, and contingency program, or the comprehensive case management and employment program until a member of the assistance group repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance. If a member repays the cost of the fraudulent assistance and the assistance group otherwise meets the eligibility requirements for the Ohio works first program, the prevention, retention, and contingency program, or the comprehensive case management and employment program, the assistance group shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in the program.

This section does not limit the ability of a county department of job and family services to recover erroneous payments under section 5107.76 of the Revised Code.



The Ohio department of job and family services and the department of children and youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.