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Dickson Nursing Home Received Overpayments from Medicaid Program

An audit of the Dickson Healthcare Center in Dickson, Tennessee reveals the nursing home submitted several improper expenses and provided inaccurate information on its 2013 Medicaid cost report. These errors resulted in overpayments made to the facility by the Medicaid program totaling \$186,162.91.

Comptroller auditors discovered Dickson Healthcare Center, which is also known as Dickson Health and Rehab, included several expenses on its cost report that are not allowable for computing the facility's reimbursement rate. Additionally, the nursing home inaccurately reported the number of resident days and gross charges.

Auditors also revealed that Dickson Healthcare Center improperly billed the Medicaid Program for 69 hospital and therapeutic leave days when the facility was operating below the required 85% occupancy level. The facility should refund \$186,162.91 to the State of Tennessee.

Auditors also found that 35 residents were inappropriately charged \$2,070 for shampooing hair. These expenses should have been covered by Medicaid.

Dickson Healthcare Center also failed to pay 26 residents their required personal needs allowances of \$50 in full each month, resulting in a total of \$5,483.32 in unpaid personal allowances.

"Our audit report includes several recommendations to help ensure both taxpayers and residents are protected from inaccurate charges," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "I'm pleased to note that Dickson Healthcare Center is taking steps to address the issues we've identified."

To view the audit report online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/sa/>

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