

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

Issue

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 200915033  
No.: 1030  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 18, 2011  
DHS County: Washtenaw County  
DHS (20)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan C. Burke

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the Department of Human Services' (Department) request for a Debt Collection hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 18, 2011. The Department was represented by [REDACTED] Recoupment Specialist. Respondent did not appear at the hearing.

**ISSUE**

Did the Respondent receive an overissuance of Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Respondent was a recipient of FIP during the period of April of 2005 through August of 2005.
2. During the aforementioned period Respondent received income that was not budgeted by the Department.
3. As a result, Respondent received an overissuance in FIP benefits in the amount of \$805.00 for the period of April 2005 through August 2005.
4. Respondent did not sign a repay agreement.

5. Respondent's last known address was [REDACTED]
6. A Notice of Debt Collection Hearing was sent to Respondent at her last known address on April 11, 2011.
7. Respondent failed to appear at the hearing, which was conducted in her absence.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

FIP was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 8 USC 601, *et seq.* The Department administers the FIP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3101-3131. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Program Reference Manual.

When a client group receives more benefits than they are entitled to receive, DHS must attempt to recoup the overissuance (OI). BAM,700, p. 1.

In the present case, Respondent received income that was not budgeted by the Department. As a result, Respondent received overissuance of FIP benefits in the amount of \$805.00 for the period of April of 2005 through August of 2005. Respondent did not sign a repay agreement. Notice of this hearing was sent to Respondent at her last known address and therefore I find that Respondent was notified of these proceedings. Respondent was not present at the hearing. I find that Respondent owes the Department \$805.00 for FIP benefit overissuance.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that Respondent received an overissuance of FIP benefits in the amount of \$805.00. It is therefore ORDERED that Respondent reimburse the Department the sum of \$805.00 for FIP overissuance and that the Department shall initiate collection procedures in accordance with Department policy.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan C. Burke  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: May 27, 2011

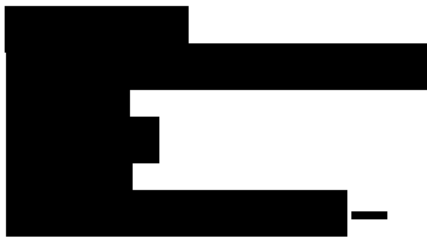
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The Claimant April appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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