

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF: [REDACTED],  
Claimant

Reg. No.: 2009-19644  
Issue No.: 3002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
May 28, 2009  
Wayne County DHS (17)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held on May 28, 2009. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department correctly calculate the Claimant's Food Assistance (FAP)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) The Claimant was an ongoing FAP recipient. The group size is one.
- (2) On February 23, 2009, the Department ran a review FAP budget, showing a FAP benefit of \$29.00. (Department exhibits 2-3).
- (3) On April 7, 2009, the Claimant filed a request for a hearing contesting her FAP benefit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) (formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program) is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Tables (PRT).

The Claimant questions the amount of the FAP allotment. The claimant has a net income of \$488.00 per month. This was obtained by subtracting the standard deduction of \$135.00 from the gross income of \$623.00.

The amount of a monthly FAP allotment is established by regulations at 7 CFR 273.10. A household of two persons with a net monthly income of \$488.00 was entitled to a monthly FAP grant of \$29.00 per month. (RFT 260, p. 5)

This FAP grant was recently reduced due to the foreclosure on the claimant's home and the resulting removal of property tax expense as well as utility expenses from the FAP budget.

This ALJ finds that the department was correct in its calculation of the claimant's FAP.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFRIMS the Department's actions finding that the claimant is receiving the correct monthly FAP allotment.

/s/  
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Michael J. Benmane  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 08/06/09

Date Mailed: 08/06/09

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt 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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