

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Claimant

Reg. No.: 2009-22033
Issue No.: 3002/6019
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
September 8, 2009
Oakland County DHS (2)

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 September 8, 2009. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department correctly calculate the Claimant's Food Assistance (FAP) and deny her Child Development and Care (CDC)?

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 and CDC recipient.
- (2) The group size was four (4).
- (3) On April 2, 2009, the department ran a FAP budget and sent the claimant a notice that her FAP was to be set at \$101.00 per month. (Department exhibit 4-7).

- (4) The department determined that the claimant was not eligible for CDC due to excess income.
- (5) On April 13, 2009, the Claimant filed a request for a hearing.

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 Child Development and Care program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and MAC R 400.5001-5015. Department policies are contained in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

The amount of a monthly FAP allotment is established by regulations at 7 CFR 273.10. A household of four persons with a net monthly income of \$1,887.00 was entitled to a monthly FAP grant of \$101.00 per month. (RFT 260, p. 17)

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

As to the denial of the claimant's CDC the department figured the claimant's monthly income to be \$2,391.00 plus \$263.00 in child support totaling \$2,654.00 per month. The maximum amount of gross monthly income allowed for CDC assistance was \$2,367.00 on April 1, 2009. (RFT 270, p.1).

This ALJ finds that the claimant's income was above the maximum gross income allowed for CDC benefits.

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 and that the department correctly denied her CDC benefits.



Michael J. Bennane
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 11/10/09

Date Mailed: 11/10/09

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hearings will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 60 days of the filing of the original request.

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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