

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.: 2009-22133  
Issue No.: 3002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
June 15, 2009  
Macomb County DHS (12)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael Bennane

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge upon pursuant to MCL 400.9; MCL 400.37 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held on June 15, 2009 and claimant was not represented.

ISSUE

Is claimant receiving the correct monthly Food Assistance Program (FAP) allotment?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant applied for FAP benefits on April 3, 2009
2. Claimant is a FAP recipient in a household of one person.
3. Claimant receives \$1307 in gross income per month which consists of earned income.
4. Claimant has an obligation for shelter, utilities and heat.
5. The department determined that claimant is entitled to \$16.00 in FAP benefits per month

6. Claimant requested a hearing contesting the amount of the FAP grant.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Food Assistance Program, 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 (“DHS”), formally known as the Family Independence Agency, administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Departmental policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (“PAM”), the Program Eligibility Manual (“PEM”), and the Program Reference Manual (“PRM”).

The federal regulations define household income to include earned income. 7 CFR 273.9(b). Only 80% of earned income is counted in determining FAP benefits. PEM 550. Under 7 CFR 273.9, as amended, \$135 is deducted from the gross income of FAP recipients in determining FAP grants. Under 7 CFR 273.9 deductions for excess shelter expenses are also made. PEM 554.

In the present case, according to the aforementioned policy on budgeting, claimant has a net monthly income of \$660. This was obtained by subtracting the standard deduction of \$135 the excess shelter amount of \$250 from 80% of the gross income of \$1307. The amount of a monthly food assistance allotment is established by regulations a 7 CFR 273.10. A household of one person with a net monthly income of \$660 is entitled to a monthly FAP grant of \$16 per month. RFT 260.

DECISION AND ORDER

The ALJ bases upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law decides that the claimant is receiving the correct monthly FAP allotment and it is ordered that the Department's decision in this regard be is hereby AFFIRMED.

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

Date Signed: 08/11/09

Date Mailed: 08/12/09

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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