

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.: 2009-28596

Issue No.: 2014/3002

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Load No.: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

August 13, 2009

Wayne County DHS (18)

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 August 13, 2009. The Claimant appeared personally and testified

ISSUE

Did the Department properly compute the Claimant's Food Assistance (FAP) and deny the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA)?

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 is a FAP recipient and was an MA (deductible) recipient.
2. On April 28, 2009, the Department conducted an annual review of the Claimant's MA and FAP.

3. On April 28, 2009, the Department ran an MA budget showing the Claimant's RSDI income of \$1,009.00, with a deductible of \$517.00/mo. (Department's exhibit, pp.3-6).
4. On April 28, 2009, the Department ran a corrected FAP budget for the Claimant. (Department exhibit pp. 1-2).
5. On December 9, 2008, the Claimant filed a request for a hearing, questioning the deductible of her MA and FAP amount.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

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 Manual (PRM).

Under the Medical Assistance Program the protected income for shelter area IV is \$375.00 plus health insurance premiums of \$96.40 equal \$471.40. (RFT 240)

The claimant's unearned income minus \$20.00 disregard is \$989.00. The protected income minus claimant's net income is \$517.00. The department's MA deductible amount is correct.

At the hearing the claimant disputed the figures used in the April 28, 2009, FAP budget.

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24. 278(2). In the instant case, the parties reached an accord. The department agreed to accept documentation of allowable expenses and replace lost benefits if applicable.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the department and claimant have come to an agreement and ORDERS the department to accept documentation of allowable expenses and replace lost benefits if applicable. This ALJ further finds that the department's determination regarding MA is AFFIRMED.



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

Date Signed: 09/25/09

Date Mailed: 09/25/09

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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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