

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: 2009-32020  
Issue No: 3014  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
September 9, 2009  
Kent County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary F. Heisler

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; and MCL 400.37 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held on September 9, 2009. Claimant appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services properly determine the group size of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) case group?

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 was an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
- (2) On June 25, 2009, Claimant submitted an updated application to include her 6 children that were returning to her home.

(3) On July 22, 2009, Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits would increase beginning in August, 2009.

(4) On July 27, 2009, Claimant submitted a request for hearing. Claimant's concern is that she did not receive Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits for her children for July, 2009.

#### 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 (DHS or department) 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).

There are no disputed facts in this case. The Department caseworker testified that she had hoped to get the children back on Claimant's case sooner but the children was on another case already. The Department caseworker testified that it took some time to remove the children from the foster care parent's case and transfer them back to their mother's case. Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits were paid to the foster care parent for the 6 children during July. There is no negative action by the Department on Claimant's case and the Department followed the requirements of their policy in this action.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services properly determined the group size of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) case group for the month of July 2009.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are UPHELD.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary F. Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: October 1, 2009

Date Mailed: October 5, 2009

**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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