

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.: 2009-34609

Issue No.: 1022

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Load No.: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

October 15, 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 October 15, 2009. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the claimant's Refugee Assistance (RAP) application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On June 16, 2009, the claimant applied for RAP.
2. The department denied the claimant's RAP application.
3. On October 28, 2008, the claimant entered the United States as a refugee.
4. On August 3, 2009, the claimant filed a request for a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 8 USC 601, et seq. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the FIP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MAC R 400.3101-3131. The FIP program replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

The department cites PEM 630 as the basis for the denial of the claimant's FIP.

**RAP ELIGIBILITY PERIOD**

RAPC and/or RAPM is available **only** during the eight months immediately following the refugee's date of entry into the U.S. or date adjusted to a qualifying alien status. Month one is the month containing date of entry or date of adjustment to refugee status. (PEM 630, p.1).

Here, the claimant entered the United States as a refugee on October 29, 2008, and applied for RAP over the eight month deadline for assistance.

This ALJ finds that the department was correct in denying the claimant's RAP application.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, **AFFIRMS** the department's denial of the claimant's RAP application.



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

Date Signed: 12/4/09

Date Mailed: 12/4/09

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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