# STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Claimant,

Reg. No.: 2010 26930

Issue No.: 6052, 3055

Case No.:

Load No.:

Hearing Date: June 30, 2010

Genesee County DHS (02)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jeanne M. VanderHeide

#### HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the Department's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was conducted from Detroit, Michigan on June 30, 2010. Neither Department nor the Respondent appeared at the appointed hearing.

## REHEARING DETERMINATION

Whether respondent committed an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) and whether the respondent received an over-issuance of benefits that the Department is entitled to recoup?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

The Department's Office of Inspector General (OIG) filed a hearing request to
establish an overissuance of FAP and CDC benefits received by respondent as a
result of respondent having committed an IPV. The OIG also requested that
respondent be disqualified from receiving program benefits.

- 2. On May 19, 2010, the Department mailed Respondent a hearing notice and hearing packet to Respondent's last known address.
- 3. The hearing notice did not list the OIG office.
- 4. Neither party appeared at the 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 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. 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. Department policies are found in the Program/Bridges Administrative Manual ("PAM/BAM"), the Program/Bridges Eligibility Manual ("BEM"), and the Reference Tables ("RFT").

A Notice of Disqualification Hearing was mailed to respondent at the last known address. However, the OIG office was not given notice of the hearing time. PAM/BAM 725. Accordingly, the hearing is dismissed without prejudice. The Department is entitled to renotice the hearing to Claimant and the OIG office for another hearing to be held at a later date.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of

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law, dismisses the entire IPV hearing without prejudice.

Jeanne M. VanderHeide Administrative Law Judge for Ismael Ahmed, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>07/12/2010</u>

Date Mailed: <u>07/12/2010</u>

**NOTICE**: The law provides that within 30 days of receipt of the above Decision and Order, the respondent may appeal it to the circuit court for the county in which he/she lives.

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