

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: 2010-14890  
Issue No: 3025  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
February 11, 2010  
Washtenaw County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ivona Rairigh

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 telephone hearing was held on February 11, 2010. Claimant personally appeared and testified with the assistance of her daughter [REDACTED] who translated from [REDACTED] and vice versa for the claimant.

ISSUE

Did the department correctly deny claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application in December, 2009?

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 and was denied on December 7, 2009, due to not having an acceptable alien status for this program.

2. Claimant requested a hearing on December 18, 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 Bridges Administrative Manual (PAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Departmental policy states that a person must be a U.S. citizen or have an acceptable alien status for the designated programs. Persons who do not meet this requirement are disqualified. BEM 225.

Hearing testimony indicates that the claimant is a Permanent Resident Alien with the I-551 class code other than RE, AM or AS. Claimant has been in U.S. resident status since March 28, 2007. Claimant is not eligible for the FAP benefits for the first five years in U.S. according to departmental policy. BEM 225, p. 26.

### DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the department correctly denied claimant's FAP application in December, 2009.

Accordingly, department's action is AFFIRMED, and it is SO ORDERED.

/s/  
Ivona Rairigh  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 13, 2010

Date Mailed: April 14, 2010

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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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