STATE OF MICHIGAN

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201016748

Issue No.: 6000

Case No.: Load No.:

Hearing Date: September 29, 2010

Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on September 29, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Was the Department correct in processing Claimant's Child Day Care Assistance application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) On October 12, 2009 Claimant applied for Child Day Care Assistance.
- (2) Claimant requested a hearing on December 10, 2009 contesting the failure to process her Child Day Care Assistance Application.
- (3) The parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate Claimant's Child Day Care Assistance application back to the date of application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The Child Development and Care program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and MAC R 400.5001-5015. Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Under Bridges Administrative Manual Item 600, clients have the right to contest any agency decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is illegal. The agency provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Agency policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when the agency receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

In the present case, the parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate and reprocess Claimant's Child Day Care Assistance application back to the date of application. Since the Claimant and the Department have come to an agreement it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to make a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding claimant's request for a hearing. Therefore it is ORDERED that the Department reinstate and reprocess Claimant's Child Day Care assistance application back to the date of application October 12, 2009, in accordance with this settlement agreement.

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Aaron McClintic Administrative Law Judge For Ismael Ahmed, Director Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: October 4, 2010

Date Mailed: October 4, 2010

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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 90 days of the filing of the original request.

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing 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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