

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.: 2010-2674
Issue No.: 3000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
January 7, 2010
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Linda Steadley Schwarb

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 January 7, 2010. The claimant appeared for the hearing.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) properly terminate claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1) The department terminated claimant's ongoing FAP benefits.
- 2) Thereafter, claimant's FAP case was reopened effective October 5, 2009.
- 3) On October 5, 2009, claimant filed a hearing request to protest the loss of her FAP benefits for August, September, and the first few days in October of 2009.

- 4) At the hearing, the parties reached an accord. The department agreed to initiate determination of claimant's eligibility of FAP benefits for the period from August 1 through October 4 of 2009.
- 5) Claimant indicated satisfaction with the department's plan of action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

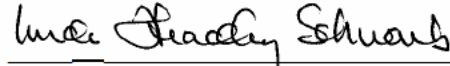
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) (formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program) is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (DHS or department) 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).

The law provides the disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2). In this case, the parties reached an accord. The department agreed to initiate determination of claimant's eligibility for FAP benefits for the period from August 1 through October 4 of 2009. Claimant indicated satisfaction with the department's plan of action.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department of Human Services shall initiate determination of claimant's

eligibility for the Food Assistance Program for the period from August 1 through October 4 of 2009. The department shall inform claimant of its determination in writing.



Linda Steadley Schwarz
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 12, 2010

Date Mailed: January 13, 2010

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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