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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No: 201033662

Issue No: 1000

Case No:

Load No:

Hearing Date: October 14, 2010 Oakland County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

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 October 14, 2010.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department of Human Services (DHS) correctly close claimant's RAP case?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- Claimant was a RAP recipient in Oakland County.
- (2) Claimant's date of entry into the U.S. was June 8, 2009.
- (3) Claimant applied for RAP on June 25, 2009.
- (4) Claimant's RAP was terminated on January 30, 2010.

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(5) On February 3, 2010, claimant requested 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 (DHS or Department) 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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

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 asylum is granted. Month one is the month containing date of entry or date of adjustment to refugee status. BEM 630.

Claimant's entry date was June 8, 2009. Therefore, the last month of RAP eligibility for the claimant was January, 2010, 8 months after the entry. Claimant's RAP was terminated as of January 30, 2010. Therefore, the Department's decision was correct.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department's decision to close claimant's RAP case was correct.

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Accordingly, the Department's decision in the above stated matter is, hereby,

AFFIRMED.

Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>10/18/10</u>

Date Mailed: 10/20/10

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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