

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 201040033

Issue No: 1000

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

July 19, 2010

Wayne 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 July 19, 2010.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly award claimant all FIP benefits to which she was otherwise entitled?

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 is a FIP recipient.
2. At the hearing, the Department agreed that claimant should be supplemented FIP benefits retroactive to a date of September 2009.
3. As a result of this agreement, claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with 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 (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).

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 Department has agreed that claimant's benefit should be supplemented to September 2009. The Department agreed to restore claimant's FIP benefits retroactive to this point. Claimant would be supplemented any missed benefits to which she was otherwise entitled. As a result of the agreement, claimant agreed that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

Therefore, as a result of the settlement, it is unnecessary for the Administrative Law Judge to render a decision.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department and the claimant have reached a settlement in the current case. Therefore, it is unnecessary for the Administrative Law Judge to render a decision.

The Department is ORDERED to supplement claimant's FIP case retroactive to the month of September 2009 and award any benefits to the claimant to which she is otherwise entitled.



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

Date Signed: 08/03/10

Date Mailed: 08/04/10

**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.

RJC/dj

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