#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201040568

Issue No.: 2013; 3015; 4013

Case No.: Load No.:

Hearing Date: August 4, 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 August 4, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified.

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## <u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's Food Assistance Program, Medicaid and State Disability eligibility?

#### 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, MA and SDA benefits on May 7, 2010.
- (2) The Department determined that Claimant had excess income for the programs applied for.
- (3) Claimant has gross unearned income of \$540.97 from his
- (4) Claimant has gross unearned income of \$1312.50 from social security benefits.

(5) Claimant requested a hearing on June 16, 2010 contesting the denial of FAP, MA and SDA benefits.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Food Assistance Program, 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"), formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Departmental policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual ("BAM"), the Bridges Eligibility Manual ("BEM"), and the Program Reference Manual ("PRM").

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (DHS or department) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference manual (PRM).

In the present case, Claimant has gross income of \$1853. The gross income for the FAP program for a 1 person household is \$1490. RFT 250. The Department's determination that Claimant is ineligible for FAP due to excess income is correct. Claimant submitted a property tax bill that would be considered in determining an excess shelter deduction, but it was not considered in this determination of eligibility because Claimant failed the gross income test.

With regard to SDA, Claimant's gross income of \$1853 exceeds the payment standard. RFT 225. With regard to Medical Assistance Claimant's income exceeds the income limit. RFT 256.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department properly denied the Claimant's FAP, MA and SDA application, and it is ORDERED that the Department's decision in this regard be and is hereby AFFIRMED.

/s/

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

Date Signed: August 9, 2010

Date Mailed: August 9, 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 60 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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