

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 201050487

Issue No: 1022

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

December 7, 2010

Wayne County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Vicki L. Armstrong

**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 telephone hearing was held on December 7, 2010. The claimant personally appeared and provided testimony.

**ISSUE**

Did the department properly deny Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits case because there were no children in the home?

**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 FIP benefits on July 15, 2010.
2. Claimant does not have any minor children residing in her household during the time period relevant to this matter.
3. Claimant submitted a hearing request, protesting the denial of FIP benefits on July 26, 2010.

**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), Reference Table Manual (RFT), and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

Department policy states that to be eligible for FIP, a child must live with a legal parent, stepparent or other qualifying caretaker. BEM 210, p 1.

In this case, Claimant admitted that she had no children living with her during the time period relevant to this matter. Claimant also stated that she thought she was applying for State Disability Assistance (SDA), not FIP. Because Claimant does not have children residing in her household, Claimant does not qualify for FIP.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department properly denied Claimant's FIP case because Claimant does not meet the eligibility criteria for FIP.

Accordingly, the department's determination is UPHeld. SO ORDERED.

/s/  
Vicki L. Armstrong  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: December 13, 2010

Date Mailed: December 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.

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