

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.: 2010-558
Issue No.: 3023
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
November 2, 2009
Macomb County DHS (20)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held on November 2, 2009. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department correctly close the Claimant's Food Assistance (FAP)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) The claimant was a FAP recipient.
- (2) On July 31, 2009, the department closed the claimant's FAP.
- (3) On September 22, 2009, the claimant filed a request for a hearing.

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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) 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 Tables (PRT).

The claimant questions the closure of his FAP on July, 31, 2009.

The department testified that it had “no idea” why the claimant’s FAP was closed on July 31, 2009. The department therefore was unable to meet the burden of proof.

This ALJ finds that the department should return to July 31, 2009, reopen the claimant’s FAP and replace any lost benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, REVERSES AND ORDERS the Department to return to the July 31, 2009, closure of the claimant’s FAP, reopen his FAP, and replace any lost benefits.



Michael J. Bennane
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 12/14/09

Date Mailed: 12/14/09

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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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