

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg No. 201017349  
Issue No. 1033/2005/3025  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Load No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 8, 2010  
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan W. Owens

**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 hearing was held on July 8, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close of the Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP), Medicaid (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits based upon immigration status?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On January 15, 2010, the Department initiated closure of the Claimant's FIP and MA benefits and reduced eligible members for FAP benefits based upon BEM 225A.
2. On January 22, 2010, the Claimant requested 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 CML 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 Manual (PRM).

The Medicaid 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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

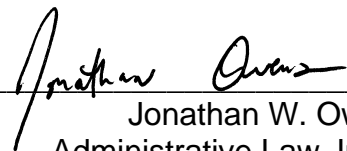
The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 8 USC 601, *et seq.* The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the FIP program pursuant 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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

The Claimant requested a hearing regarding the reduction of FAP benefits and closure of both the FIP and MA cases based upon immigration status. The Department cited BEM 225A which allows for 8 months of FIP, FAP, and MA. Dependents under 18 will continue to receive FAP. After 8 months of MA, the Claimants are eligible for emergency MA only. The Department, on January 15, 2010, initiated case action based upon this policy triggering the closure and reduction in benefits. The Department, during the hearing, informed the Claimant that BEM 225A had been changed effective May 2010 allowing benefits to continue. However, the Claimant was not eligible for benefits from February 2010 through April 2010.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds the Department properly closed and reduced benefits as prescribed in BEM 225A.

Therefore, the Department's decision is hereby UPHELD.



Jonathan W. Owens  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 07/28/10

Date Mailed: 07/28/10

**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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