

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.: 2010-5138
Issue No.: 3003
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
January 13, 2010
Oakland County DHS (03)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Linda Steadley Schwarb

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 January 13, 2010. The claimant appeared for the hearing.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) providing claimant with the proper Food Assistance Program (FAP) allotment?

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 recipient of ongoing FAP benefits.
- 2) On September 9, 2009, claimant orally requested a hearing to protest the amount of her FAP allotment.

- 3) At the hearing, the department reported that, effective February 1, 2010, claimant's FAP budget will include the standard heat/utility expense deduction.
- 4) At the hearing, claimant indicated satisfaction with the department's action.

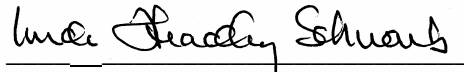
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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 (DHS or department) 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 Manual (PRM).

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2). In this matter, the parties reached an accord. At the hearing, the department reported that, effective February 1, 2010, claimant's FAP budget will include the standard heat/utility expense deduction. Claimant indicated satisfaction with the department's action in this matter.

DECISION AND ORDER

Based upon the understanding that, effective February 1, 2010, claimant's Food Assistance Program budget includes the standard heat/utility expense deduction, the Department of Human Services is providing claimant with the correct Food Assistance Program allotment.



Linda Steadley Schwarb
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 22, 2010

Date Mailed: January 25, 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.

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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