

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.: 2010-9692
Issue No.: 6019
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 16, 2010
Wayne County DHS (49)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

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 16, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's Child Care (CDC)?

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 September 23, 2009, the department closed the claimant's CDC.
2. On September 15, 2009, the Claimant filed a request for a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Child Development and Care program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and MAC R 400.5001-5015. Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

In the instant case the department closed the claimant's CDC after finding that the claimant's income made her ineligible.

Current and Future Months

Prospect income using a "best estimate" of income expected to be received during the month (or already received). Seek input from the client to establish an estimate, whenever possible.

To prospect income, you will need to know:

- The type of income and the frequency it is received (e.g., weekly),
- The day(s) of the week paid,
- The date(s) paid, and
- The gross income amount received or expected to be received on each pay date. (PEM 505, p.2)

At the hearing the claimant argued that the department's calculations were not correct. This ALJ finds that the department failed to use "prospective" income as suggested above in figuring the claimant's income.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, REVERSES AND ORDERS the Department to accept information and documentation provided by the claimant concerning her actual income and replace any lost benefits if applicable.



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

Date Signed: 9/8/2010

Date Mailed: 9/8/2010

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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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