

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No. 201111116  
Issue No. 1000  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Load No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 20, 2011  
Wayne County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Aaron McClintic

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge upon pursuant to MCL 400. 9; MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 19, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified.

[REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department.

**ISSUE**

Was the Department correct in closing Claimant's Family Independence Program benefits?

**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.
- (2) Claimant's FIP application was denied on November 10, 2010 for failing to participate with JET.

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- (3) Claimant requested hearing on December 6, 2010 contesting the denial of FIP benefits.
- (4) The parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate and reprocess Claimant's FIP application going back to the date of application.

#### 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 Dependant Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference manual (PRM).


Under Bridges Administrative Manual Item 600, clients have the right to contest any agency decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is illegal. The agency provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Agency policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when the agency receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

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In the present case, the parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate and reprocess Claimant's FIP application going back to the date of application. Since the Claimant and the Department have come to an agreement it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to make a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law decides that the Department shall reinstate and reprocess Claimant's FIP benefits going back to the date of application. Any missed benefits shall be paid to Claimant in the form of a supplement.

  
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Aaron McClintic  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 7, 2011

Date Mailed: February 7, 2011

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**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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