

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201119373  
Issue No.: 3000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 28, 2011  
Wayne County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan C. Burke

**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 March 28, 2011. The Claimant was represented by [REDACTED] Claimant's mother and representative, who appeared and testified by three-way phone conference. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Was the Department correct in reducing Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) 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 was an ongoing recipient of FAP.
2. The Department reduced Claimant's FAP benefits, effective January 1, 2011, due to child support being budgeted.
3. Claimant did not receive child support.
4. Claimant requested a hearing, protesting the reduction of FAP benefits.

5. At the hearing, the Department agreed to recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits based on actual income, excluding the child support previously included in its budget.
6. As a result of the agreement, Claimant's representative indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) 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 administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Departmental policies are found in BAM, BEM and 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 Department provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Department policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when the Department receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

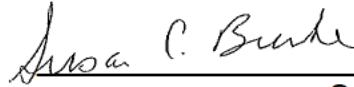
In the present case the Department has agreed to recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits based on actual income, excluding the child support previously included in its budget. As a result of this agreement, Claimant's representative indicated she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing. Since the Claimant 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 and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing. Therefore, it is ORDERED that the Department recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits for the period beginning January 1, 2011, based on actual income, excluding the child support previously included in its budget. It is further ORDERED that any missed or

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increased payments will be issued in the form of a supplement.



Susan C. Burke  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 18, 2011

Date Mailed: April 18, 2011

**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 60 days of the filing of the original request.

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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