# STATE OF MICHIGAN MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF: Reg. No.: 2011-21644

Issue No.: Case No.:

Hearing Date: May 12, 2011
DHS County: Wayne (82-57)

6000

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jan Leventer

### **HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 400.9 and 400.37 and Claimant request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 12, 2011. Claimant appeared and testified for the Department of Human Services (DHS).

## **ISSUE**

Whether Claimant is eligible for Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. In 2010, Claimant received CDC benefits while attending the DHS Jobs, Education and Training (JET) program.
- 2. From May 17-June 11, 2010, DHS failed to provide CDC benefits to Claimant.
- 3. On July 13, 2010, DHS issued a Notice of Case Action denying CDC benefits to Claimant.
- In September 2010, Claimant reapplied for CDC benefits and was approved.
- 5. From October 1-November 30, 2010, DHS failed to provide CDC benefits to Claimant.

- 6. On December 17, 2010, Claimant filed a hearing request with DHS.
- 7. During the Administrative Hearing on May 12, 2011, DHS agreed that Claimant was eligible for CDC benefits for May 17-June 11 and October 1-November 30, 2010, and agreed to provide them to Claimant by way of supplemental benefits.
- 8. As a result of DHS' offer, Claimant testified she was satisfied and she no longer wished to proceed with the Administrative Hearing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

CDC was established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the U.S. Social Security Act, the U.S. Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the U.S. 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. DHS provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Michigan Administrative Code Rules 400.5001-400.5015. DHS' policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables (RFT). These manuals are available online at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/dhs-manuals">www.michigan.gov/dhs-manuals</a>.

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

In this case, DHS offers to provide retroactive supplemental CDC benefits to Claimant's child care provider(s) for the periods of May 17-June 11 and October 1-November 30, 2010. As a result of DHS' offer, Claimant testified she was satisfied and no longer wished to proceed with the Administrative Hearing.

As the parties have agreed to settle their differences, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to adjudicate any issues presented.

In conclusion, based on the agreement of the parties and based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, IT IS ORDERED that DHS will pay retroactive supplemental CDC benefits to Claimant for May 17-June 11 and October 1-November 30, 2010.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and the stipulated agreement of the parties, states IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that DHS shall provide CDC benefits to Claimant from May 17-June 11 and October 1-November 30, 2010, in the form of supplemental benefits. All steps shall be taken in accordance with DHS policies and procedures.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Jan Leventer
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 16, 2011

Date Mailed: May 16, 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 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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