

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.: 201123720
Issue No.: 3000; 5000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 4, 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 Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on April 4, 2011. Claimant appeared and testified. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] JET Specialist.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in its calculation of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) grant?

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 FAP recipient.
2. The Department closed Claimant's FAP case, effective April 1, 2011, due to excess income.
3. At the hearing, the Department agreed to assist Claimant in reapplying for FAP benefits based on Claimant's current household group size.
4. As a result of the agreement, Claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

5. Claimant requested a hearing on SER, but at the hearing, Claimant indicated she no longer wished to proceed with a hearing regarding SER.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

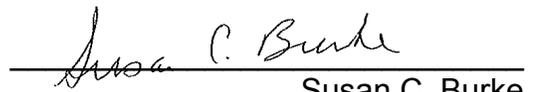
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"). The Department administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. 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 assist Claimant in reapplying for FAP benefits based on Claimant's current household group size. As a result of this agreement, Claimant 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. In addition, Claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing she requested regarding SER.

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 assist Claimant in reapplying for FAP benefits based on Claimant's current household group size. It is further ORDERED that Claimant's request for hearing on the SER issue is DISMISSED.



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

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Date Signed: April 13, 2011

Date Mailed: April 13, 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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