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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg No: 2011 26893

Issue Nos: 6019

Case No:

Hearing Date: June 1, 2011

Wayne County DHS (43)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris

#### **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 hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was conducted by the undersigned in Detroit, Michigan on June 1, 2011. The Claimant was present and testified. Deidra Bennett Turner, Jet Case Manager.

#### <u>ISSUE</u>

Whether the Department properly closed the Claimant's Child Day Care (CDC) case due to failure to receive the verification of self employment income by the due date.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Claimant applied for Child Development and Care (CDC) on 5/27/10.

- The Claimant's CDC case was denied for no valid reason on June 8, 2010.
- 3. The Claimant did not receive the notice of denial of her CDC application.
- 4. The Department never sent the Claimant a notice denying the Claimant's CDC case. The Notice of Case action produced by the Department dated June 8, 2010 did not deny the CDC application.
- At the hearing, the Department agreed to reinstate the Claimant's CDC application retroactive to the date of application and to process the application.
- 6. The Department further agreed to provide CDC benefits during the period from June 28, 2010 through November 17, 2010, as she was attending the Work First program, if the Claimant's provider is otherwise eligible.
- 7. As a result of this agreement, Claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the remainder of the 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 Program Administrative

Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) 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.

In the present case, the Department has agreed to reopen and process the Claimant's CDC application retroactive to May 27, 2010, the date of the application, and determine the Claimant's eligibility during the period she was attending Work First, June 28, 2010 through November 17, 2 010.

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.

#### DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding claimant's request for a hearing.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

- The Department shall reopen and reinstate the Claimant's CDC application retroactive to the date of application, March 27, 2010.
- The Department shall process the application and determine the Claimant's eligibility during the period from June 28, 2010 through November 17, 2010, while she was attending Work First.

Lynn M. Ferris
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 06/22/11

Date Mailed: 06/24/11

**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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