

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201130658  
Issue No.: 3000; 6000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 25, 2011  
Macomb County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan 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 May 25, 2011. The Claimant was present and testified. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], ES.

**ISSUE**

Was the Department correct in its calculation of 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 determined Claimant's FAP budget based on child support income and earned income.
3. Claimant applied for unemployment benefits on [REDACTED] and received a lesser amount in child support.
4. Claimant requested a hearing protesting the amount of FAP benefits.
5. At the hearing, the Department agreed to re-determine Claimant's FAP benefits, effective [REDACTED] and ongoing, based on actual income. As a result of the

agreement, Claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

6. Claimant had also requested a hearing on Child Development and Care (CDC), but asked that the hearing on CDC be dismissed as she is not in need of CDC at this time.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

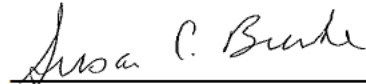
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"). The Department administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. 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 re-determine Claimant's FAP benefits, effective [REDACTED] 1 and ongoing, based on actual income. 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 regarding Claimant's FAP case. Claimant also requested a hearing on CDC, but at the hearing she asked that the hearing be dismissed, as she is not in need of CDC at this time.

**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 re-determine Claimant's FAP benefits, effective [REDACTED] and ongoing, based on actual income, in accordance with this settlement. It is further ORDERED that any missed or increased payments shall be made in the form of a supplement. It is further ORDERED that Claimant's request for a hearing on CDC is DISMISSED pursuant to Claimant's request.



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

Date Signed: 6/1/11

Date Mailed: 6/1/11

**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 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 of the rehearing decision.

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