STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-40802 Issue No.: 2000; 3000 Case No.:

Hearing Date: August 25, 2011

Wayne 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 Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, at elephone hearing was held on August 25, 2011 in De troit, Michigan. Claimant appeared and testified. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by FIM.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in its decision to deny Claimant's applic ation for Medical Assistance (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. Claimant applied for MA and FAP on October 28, 2010.
- 2. The Department denied Claimant's application for MA and FAP on November 23, 2010.
- Claimant requested a hearing on January 20, 2011, protesting the denial of her MA and FAP application.
- 4. At the hearing, the Department agreed to reinstate and reprocess Claimant's MA and FAP application of October 28, 2010.

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5. As a result of the agr eement, Claimant indicated that she no lon ger wished to proceed with the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Food Assistanc e Program (FAP) (formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program) is establis hed by the Food St amp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal r egulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the FAP program pursuant to CML 400.10 et seq., and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Elig ibility Manual (B EM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

The Medic al Assistance (MA) program is est ablished by the Title XIX of the Socia I Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independ ence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in BAM, BEM and PRM.

Under BAM 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 Depart ment has agreed to reinstate and reprocess Claimant's MA and FAP application of October 28, 2010. As a result of this agreement, Claima nt indicated she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing. Since the Claimant and the Department have come to an agr eement 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 conclusion sof law decides that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing. Therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department shall re-register Claimant's MA and FAP application of October 28, 2010.

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- The Depar tment shall in itiate the reproc essing of Claimant's MA and FAP application of October 28, 2010.
- 3. The Department shall issue FAP s upplements from October 28, 2011 and ongoing if Claimant is found to be eligible for FAP.

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

Date Signed: 9/1/11

Date Mailed: 9/1/11

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party wit hin 30 days of the ma iling date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hear ings will not orde r a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's mo tion where the final decis ion 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 ti mely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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