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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



 Reg. No.:
 2011-51274

 Issue No.:
 6019

 Case No.:
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# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Alice C. Elkin

# **HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claim ant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Nove mber 9, 2011, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) i ncluded Family Independence Manager.

# **ISSUE**

Did the Departm ent properly  $\Box$  deny Claiman t's application  $\boxtimes$  close Claimant's case for:



Family Independence Program (FIP)? Food Assistance Program (FAP)?

Medical Assistance (MA)?

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State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

(AMP)?

Child Development and Care (CDC)?

# 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. Cla imant 
applied for benefits 
received benefits for:



Family Independence Program (FIP). Food Assistance Program (FAP).

Medical Assistance (MA).

- Adult Medical Assistance (AMP).
- State Disability Assistance (SDA).
- Child Development and Care (CDC).

- On June 5, 2011, the Department

   ☐ denied Claimant's application due to lack of eligibility.
   ☑ closed Claimant's case
- On May 16, 2011, the Department sent
   Claimant ☐ Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR) notice of the ☐ denial. ☐ closure.
- 4. On August 9, 2011, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the ☐ denial of the application. ⊠ closure of the case.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Br idges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

☐ The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established purs uant to the Personal Responsibility and W ork Opportunity Reconc iliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 42 USC 601, *et seq*. The Department (formerly k nown as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq*., and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3101 through Rule 400.3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

☐ The Food Assistanc e Program (FAP) [for merly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amend ed, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq*., and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

The Medical Ass istance (MA) program is es tablished by the Title XIX of the Soc ial 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 pr ogram pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq*., and MC L 400.105.

| The Adult Medical Program (A   | MP) is es       | stablished by 42 USC      | ; 1315, and is |
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| administered by the Department | pursuant to MCI | _ 400.10, <i>et seq</i> . |                |

| The State Disabilit y Assistance (SDA   | ) progr am, which provides financial ass istance |
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| for disabled persons, is established by | 2004 PA 344. The D epartment of Human            |
| Services (formerly known as the Family  | Independence Agency) administers the SDA         |
| program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et se   | eq., and 20 00 AACS, Rule 400.3151 through       |
| Rule 400.3180.                          | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·            |

The Child Development and Care (CDC) program is establis hed by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Soc ial Security Act, the Ch ild Care and Developm ent 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 Fede ral Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Depart ment provides servic es to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and 1999 AC, Rule 400.5001 through Rule 400.5015.

Additionally, if CDC benefits are sought for a child between the ages of 13 and 18, there must be (i) a statement by an M.D. or D.O. that the child requires constant care due to a physical, mental, or psychologic al condition or (ii) a court order requiring the child supervision. BEM 703. In this case, Claim ant testified that the two childr en at issue were born on and . Thus, the older child turned thirteen on and the other child turned thir teen on the children had psy chological issues r equiring their Claimant contended that supervision. However, she admitted that she did not have a stat ement from a doctor indicating that either child required constant care or a court order requiring the children's supervision. Under these circumstances, the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it st opped providing CDC cov erage for one child on October 24, 2010, stopped providing CDC coverage for the other child on March 27, 2011, and closed Claimant's CDC case effective June 5, 2011.

Based upon the abov e Findings of Fact and Co nclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department

□ properly denied Claimant's application □ improperly denied Claimant's application □ improperly closed Claimant's case

for:  $\square$  AMP  $\square$  FIP  $\square$  FAP  $\square$  MA  $\square$  SDA  $\boxtimes$  CDC.

#### DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department idid act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's  $\square$  AMP  $\square$  FIP  $\square$  FAP  $\square$  MA  $\square$  SDA  $\boxtimes$  CDC decision is  $\boxtimes$  AFFIRMED  $\square$  REVERSED for the reasons stated above and on the record.

### THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1.

Alice C. Elkin Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: December 13, 2011

Date Mailed: December 13, 2011

**NOTICE:** Michigan Administrative Hearing Syst em (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a par ty within 30 days of the mailing date of this Dec ision and Order . MAHS will not or der 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. (60 days for FAP cases)

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 ti mely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing <u>MAY</u> be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration <u>MAY</u> be granted for any of the following reasons:
  - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
  - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
  - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at Michigan Administrative Hearings

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