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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No.: 2011-51296

Issue No.: 3000

Case No.:

Hearing Date: September 29, 2011

County: SSPC-EAST

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

SETTLEMENT ORDER

This matter is before the undersigned Admini strative 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 Sept ember 29, 2011, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claim ant included Claimant's son and Authorized Hearing Representative, Participan ts on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included					
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Whether the Department properly:					
□ denied Claimant's application for benefits □ closed Claimant's case for benefits □ reduced Claimant's 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)? ☐ State Emergency Services (SER)?				

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

On August 9, 2011, the Department:
 ☑ denied Claimant's application for benefits ☐ closed Claimant's case for benefits ☐ reduced Claimant's benefits
under the following program(s):
☐ FIP ☐ FAP ☐ MA ☐ AMP ☐ SDA ☐ CDC ☐ SER.
On August 9, 2011, the Department s ent notice to Claimant (or Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative) of the:
☑ denial☐ closure☐ reduction.
On August 18, 2011, Claimant filed a r equest for hearing concerning the Department's action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), the Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly 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 Feder al Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Fam ily Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

The law pr ovides that disposition may be made of a contest ed case by s tipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's action. Soon after commencement of the hearing, the parties testified that they had reached a settlement concerning the disputed action. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: reinstate and reprocess Claimant's FAP application of July 20, 2011.

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As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wished to proc eed with the hearing. As such, it is unnec essary for this Admi nistrative Law Judge to render a decis ion regarding the facts and issues in this case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Initiate reinstatement and reprocessing of Claimant's FAP application of J uly 20, 2011.
- 2. Initiate issuance of supplements to Claim ant, July 20, 2011 and ongoing, if Claimant is found to be eligible.

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

Date Signed: 10/5/11

Date Mailed: 10/5/11

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NOTICE: Michigan Administrative Hearing System (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 order 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.

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