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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-53203 Issue No.: 2000; 3000 Case No.:

Hearing Date: October 13, 2011
County: Wayne County DHS

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 Oc tober 13, 2011, from Detroi t, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant in cluded Claimant. Participant s on b ehalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included

# **ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly:

Decreased Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits and closed Claimant's Adult Medical Assistance (AMP) program.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- The Department calcul ated Claimant's FA P budget and closed Claimant's AMP case based on Claimant's income.
- 2. On September 9, 2011, Claimant filed a request for hearing concernin g the Department's action.

- 3. At the hearing, the Department agreed to c alculate Claimant's F AP benefits for November 1, 2011 and ongoing based on Claimant's current income.
- 4. As a result of the agreement, Claimant stated she no longer wis hed to proceed with the hearing on F AP. Claim ant also stated that she no longer requested a hearing on AMP.

#### **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 Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by Title XXI of the Social Security Act; (1115)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, and is administered by the Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq*.

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: recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits November 1, 2011 and ongoing. As a result of this settlement, Claimant — no longer wished to proceed with t — he hearing regarding FAP. Claimant al—so stated she no longer—requested a hearing regarding AMP. As such, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to render a decision 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:

Initiate calculation of Claimant's FAP benefits, November 1, 2011 and ongoing based on current income.

Susan C. Burke

Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 10/19/11

Date Mailed: 10/19/11

**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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