

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-24870
Issue No.: 1000; 3000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 14, 2011
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. 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 April 14, 2011. The Claimant was present and testified. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], FIM, and JET Coordinator [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in closing Claimant's Family Independence (FIP) case and reducing 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 FIP and FAP.
2. The Department closed Claimant's FIP case and decreased Claimant's FAP benefits effective [REDACTED], due to failure to participate in employment-related activities.
3. Claimant requested a hearing protesting the negative action.

4. At the hearing, the Department agreed to reinstate Claimant's FIP case and restore Claimant's FAP benefits, effective [REDACTED].
5. As a result of the agreement, Claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Family Independence program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 8 USC 601, *et seq.* The Department administers the FIP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3101-3131. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

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 reinstate Claimant's FIP case and restore Claimant's FAP benefits, effective [REDACTED]. 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 in this case.

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 reinstate Claimant's FIP case and restore Claimant's FAP benefits, effective [REDACTED]

