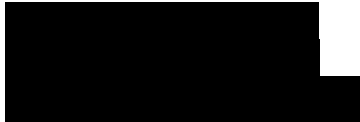


STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reg.



No.: 2011-30154  
Issue No.: 1038  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 6, 2011  
DHS County: Oakland (02)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; M SA 16.437 upon the claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held in Detroit, Michigan on June 6, 2011. The claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close the claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. The claimant was a FIP recipient.
2. On November 17, 2010, the Department held a triage with the claimant for nonparticipation in Jobs Education and Training (JET), and good cause was granted.
3. On January 26, 2011, a second triage was held at which the claimant agreed to provide the Department with documentation of self-employment and to return to sign a second triage agreement. The claimant did not return to the Department or JET.
4. On February 17, 2011, the Department closed the Claimant's FIP.
5. On February 28, 2011, claimant filed a request for a 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 of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the FIP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3101-3131. The FIP program replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

The Department scheduled two triage appointments with the claimant to deal with her nonparticipation with JET. The claimant attended both triages and at the second agreed to provide the Department with documentation of her self employment.

The Department moved to close the claimant's FIP when the claimant did not provide the Department with the self-employment documentation or attend JET as scheduled.

The claimant states that she was self-employed and provided documentation but the wages received did not meet policy standards.

**MANDATORY PARTICIPATION IN EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

All WEIs, unless temporarily deferred, must engage in employment that pays at least state minimum wage or participate in employment services. WEIs who are temporarily deferred are required to participate in activities that will help them overcome barriers and prepare them for employment or referral to an employment service provider. (BEM 230A, p. 4.)

The Department testified that the claimant's self-employment income did not meet the minimum wage standard.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department's actions in the instant case.

Michael  
Administrative  
for  
Department



J. Bennane  
Law Judge  
Maura Corrigan, Director  
of Human Services

Date Signed: August 2, 2011  
Date Mailed: August 2, 2011

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

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