

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No. 2011-39004
Issue No. 1000
Case No.
Hearing Date: August 29, 2011
County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan Burke

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on August 29, 2011 in Detroit, Michigan. Claimant appeared and testified. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in its decision to not process Claimant's Cash Assistance Application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On April 1, 2011, Claimant applied for food assistance, medical assistance and cash assistance.
2. The Department assisted Claimant with food assistance and medical assistance, but did not process Claimant's cash assistance application.
3. Claimant requested a hearing on June 9, 2011.
4. At the hearing, the Department agreed to re-register and process Claimant's April 1, 2011 application for cash assistance.
5. As a result of this agreement, Claimant indicated 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), which includes the Reference Tables (RFT.)

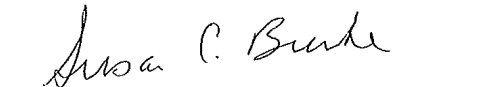
Under BAM 600, clients have the right to contest any agency decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is illegal. The Department provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Department policy includes procedures 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 re-register and process Claimant's April 1, 2011 application for cash assistance. 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:

1. The Department shall re-register Claimant's April 1, 2011 application for cash assistance.
2. The Department shall initiate processing of Claimant's April 1, 2011 cash assistance application.
3. The Department shall issue supplements for any missed payments, April 1, 2011 and ongoing, if Claimant is found to be eligible for cash assistance.



Susan Burke
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 9/1/11

Date Mailed: 9/1/11

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hearings will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request.

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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