

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 201141301
Issue No.: 3000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 1, 2011
Wayne 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 1, 2011 in Detroit, Michigan. Claimant appeared and testified. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], ES.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in its calculation of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant was an ongoing recipient of FAP.
2. The Department determined that Claimant was entitled to \$6.00 in FAP benefits per month.
3. Claimant turned [REDACTED] old on October 2, 2011.
4. On June 30, 2011, Claimant requested a hearing, protesting the amount of benefits.
5. At the hearing, the Department agreed to re-determine Claimant's FAP benefits from a period beginning ninety days prior to his request for hearing, taking into account his medical expenses.

6. As a result of this agreement, Claimant indicated that he no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) (formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program) 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 of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the FAP program pursuant to CML 400.10 *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

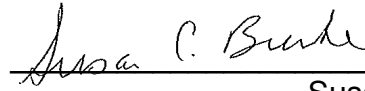
Under Bridges Administrative Manual Item 600, clients have the right to contest any agency decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is illegal. The Department provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Department 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 re-determine Claimant's FAP benefits from a period beginning ninety days prior to his request for hearing, taking into account his medical expenses. As a result of this agreement, Claimant indicated he 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-determine Claimant's FAP benefits from effective date of April 1, 2011, and onward, taking into account Claimant's medical expenses, in accordance with the settlement.
2. The Department shall issue supplements for any increased benefits.



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

Date Signed: 8/3/11

Date Mailed: 8/3/11

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 60 days of the filing of the original request.

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

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