

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 20114139
Issue No.: 3015
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: December 1, 2010
Macomb County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 December 1, 2010. The Claimant appeared along with household member, [REDACTED], and both testified. [REDACTED], ES appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in closing Claimant's FAP benefits due to excess income?

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 FAP benefits.
- (2) Pursuant to a review a redetermination of benefits was made.
- (3) Claimant received \$841 in unemployment compensation in July 2010.
- (4) Household member [REDACTED] earned \$1338.65 in July 2010.
- (5) On August 4, 2010 Claimant's FAP benefits were closed effective September 1, 2010 due to excess income.

- (6) Claimant requested hearing on August 27, 2010 contesting the closure of FAP benefits.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW


The Food Assistance Program, 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 ("DHS"), formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Departmental policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual ("BAM"), the Bridges Eligibility Manual ("BEM"), and the Program Reference Manual ("PRM").

The federal regulations define household income to include all earned income. 7 CFR 273.9(b). All monthly income must be converted to a nonfluctuating monthly amount. Only 80% of earned income is counted in determining FAP benefits. BEM 550. Under 7 CFR 273.9, as amended, \$132.00 is deducted from the gross income of FAP recipients in determining FAP grants.

In the present case, according to the aforementioned policy on budgeting, Claimant has \$841 unearned income from unemployment benefits. Household member [REDACTED] earned \$1338.65 in gross employment income during the month in question. 80% of \$1338.65 is \$1071. Subtracting \$132 from \$1911 results with \$1779 adjusted gross income. The net income limit for a household of 3 is \$1526. Claimant's net income exceeds this limit. Therefore the Department's closure of FAP benefits is proper and correct.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department properly closed the Claimant's FAP benefits, and it is ORDERED that the Department's decision in this regard be and is hereby AFFIRMED.



Aaron McClintic
Administrative Law Judge
For Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: December 9, 2010

Date Mailed: December 9, 2010

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 of the rehearing decision.

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