

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No. 2011-47796  
Issue No. 3003  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: September 8, 2011  
Wayne County DHS (19)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Colleen M. Mamelka

**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 conducted from Detroit, Michigan on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department").

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly calculated the Claimant's food assistance ("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. The Claimant is a FAP recipient.
2. On April 12, 2011, the Department sent a Notice of Case Action informing the Claimant of his FAP allotment.
3. The Department did not include the Claimant's shelter obligation when determining the FAP allotment.
4. On April 19, 2011, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing.

5. Subsequent to the hearing request, the Department corrected its error and supplemented the 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. The Department of Human Services, formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, administers the FAP program pursuant to CML 400.10 *et seq.*, and Michigan Administrative Code Rules 400.3001-3015. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual ("BAM"), the Bridges Eligibility Manual ("BEM"), and the Bridges Reference Tables ("RFT").

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2). In this case, the Claimant agrees that with respect to the April 19<sup>th</sup> hearing request, the Department resolved the issue. In light of the foregoing, the Department's actions are upheld.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law finds the Department's actions are upheld.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

The Department's actions are AFFIRMED.

*Colleen M. Mamelka*

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Colleen M. Mamelka  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: September 13, 2011

Date Mailed: September 13, 2011

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**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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