

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 20117583  
Issue No.: 1018  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 3, 2011  
Oakland 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 February 3, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified.

[REDACTED], Assistance Payments Supervisor appeared and testified for the Department.

**ISSUE**

Was the Department correct in denying Claimant's Family Independence Program application 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 applied for FIP benefits on September 8, 2010.
- (2) Claimant earned \$967.50 per month in employment income at the time of application.

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- (3) Claimant's application for FIP benefits was denied due to excess income.
- (4) Claimant had one child in her care at the time of application.
- (5) Claimant requested hearing on October 25, 2010 contesting the denial of FIP benefits.

#### 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 (DHS or Department) administers the FIP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3101-3131. The FIP program replaced the Aid to Dependant Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference manual (PRM).

In the present case, Claimant earned \$967.50 a month. This was determined by multiplying \$9.00 per hour, times 25 hours, times 4.3 weeks pursuant to Department policy. BEM 505. After deductions Claimant's countable income of \$967.50 exceeds the income limit of \$403 for a household of two for the FIP program. RFT 210. This was the determination made by the Department and it is correct.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law decides that the Department correctly denied Claimant's FIP application and is hereby AFFIRMED.



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Aaron McClintic  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 11, 2011

Date Mailed: February 11, 2011

**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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