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Reg. No.: 2012-11696

Issue No.: 3000

Case No.:

Hearing Date: December 7, 2011
County: Wayne County

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

SETTLEMENT ORDER

This matter is before the undersigned Admini strative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claim ant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on December 7, 2011, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant in cluded Claimant. Participant s on b ehalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included and FIM

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly:	
☐ denied Claimant's application for benefits☐ closed Claimant's case for benefits☐ reduced Claimant's benefits	
for:	
☐ Family Independence Program (FIP)? ☐ Food Assistance Program (FAP)? ☐ Medical Assistance (MA)? ☐ Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?	☐ State Disability Assistance (SDA)? ☐ Child Development and Care (CDC)? ☐ State Emergency Services (SER)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On October 1, 2011, the Department:

	☐ denied Claimant's application for benefits☐ closed Claimant's case for benefits☑ reduced Claimant's benefits
	under the following program(s):
	☐ FIP ☐ FAP ☐ MA ☐ AMP ☐ SDA ☐ CDC ☐ SER.
2.	On November 2, 2011, Claimant f iled a request for hearing c oncerning the Department's action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), the Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 19 77, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Feder al Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Fam ily Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

The law pr ovides that disposition may be made of a contest ed case by s tipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's action. Soon after commencement of the hearing, the parties testified that they had reached a settlement concerning the disputed action. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: re-calculate Claimant's FAP benefits, February 15, 2011 and ongoing, using all allowable medical expenses.

As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wish es to proceed with the hearing. As such, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to render a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Initiate recalculation of Claimant's FAP benefits, February 15, 2011 and ongoing, using all allowable medical expenses.
- 2. Initiate issuance of FAP s upplements for any mi ssed or increased pay ments, February 15, 2011 and ongoing, if Claimant is otherwise eligible for FAP.

Susan C. Burke
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 12/15/11

Date Mailed: 12/15/11

NOTICE: Michigan Administrative Hearing Syst em (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a par ty within 30 days of the receipt date of this Dec ision and Orde r. MAHS will not or der a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's mo tion where the final decis ion cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request. (60 days for FAP cases)

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

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing <u>MAY</u> be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
 - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
 - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
 - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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Re consideration/Rehearing Request

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