

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-12626  
Issue No.: 3002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: December 15, 2011  
County: Wayne County

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan C. Burke

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on December 15, 2011, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] Worker.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly calculate 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 received FAP benefits in the amount of \$54.00.
2. Claimant was in a group size of two.
3. Claimant received \$2,061.00 in earned income per month.
4. Claimant had housing expenses of \$850.00.

5. On November 15, 2011, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the amount of benefits.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

Additionally, BEM 550 instructs that eighty percent of the earned income of a household be added to unearned income to determine gross income. Adjusted gross income in a household of two is determined by subtracting the standard amount of \$146.00 (RFT 255). Monthly net income for FAP purposes is then determined by subtracting allowable expenses, such as a shelter deduction, if any. BEM 554.

In the present case, Claimant agreed that she earned \$2,061.00 per month. Eighty percent of the income was counted (\$1,648.00). The standard deduction of \$146.00 and the maximum shelter deduction of \$459.00 was subtracted from that income to yield a net monthly income of \$1,043.00. A group size of two with a net monthly income of \$1,043.00 is entitled to \$54.00 in food assistance per month. RFT 260.

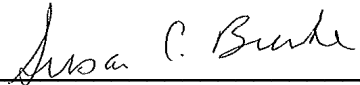
Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department

properly calculated Claimant's FAP benefits       improperly calculated Claimant's FAP benefits.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department  did act properly.  did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's FAP calculation decision is  AFFIRMED  REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

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

Date Signed: 12/21/11

Date Mailed: 12/21/11

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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.

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

- A rehearing **MAY** 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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