

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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Reg. No.: 201215687  
Issue No.: 2026, 3002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 31, 2012  
County: Oakland

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Gary F. Heisler

**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 January 31, 2012. Claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services properly reduce Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

Did the Department of Human Services determine the proper level of Medical Assistance (MA) Claimant was eligible for?

**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 was an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.
2. On August 10, 2011, the Department ran a financial eligibility budget to determine Claimant's eligibility. The budget showed that Claimant's current income required a reduction of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits and Medical Assistance (MA) benefits as a \$698 deductible. Claimant was sent notice of the determination.
3. On October 25, 2011, Claimant submitted a request for hearing.

**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 1997 AACSR 400.3001-3015.

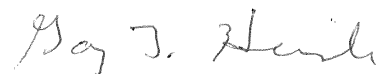
The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105.

In this case Claimant's RSDI income increased. The changes in his Medical Assistance (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit level resulted from that increase in income. A detailed analysis of the evidence presented, applicable Department policies, and reasoning for the decision are contained in the recorded record. During the hearing Claimant was informed of the decision and the reasoning behind the decision.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department of Human Services properly reduce Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits and determine the proper level of Medical Assistance (MA) Claimant was eligible for.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are UPHeld.



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Gary F. Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 7, 2012

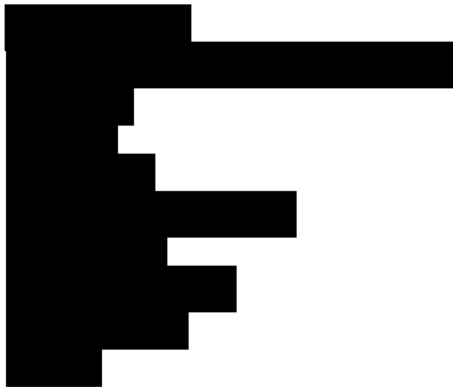
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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