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

## IN THE MATTER OF:



 Reg. No.:
 2012-271

 Issue No.:
 1000; 3000

 Case No.:
 Issue

 Hearing Date:
 October 27, 2011

 County:
 Wayne County

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

## SETTLEMENT ORDER

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 October 27, 2011, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included M. Cooper, JET Case Manager.

## 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)?

State Disability Assistance (SDA)?
 Child Development and Care (CDC)?
 State Emergency Services (SER)?

Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?

# FINDINGS OF FACT

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

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1. On August 1, 2011, the Department:

	denied Claimant's application for benefits
$\times$	closed Claimant's case for benefits
	reduced Claimant's benefits

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- 2. On September 1, 2011, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action.
- 3. At the hearing, the Department agreed to reinstate Claimant's FIP and FAP cases, effective August 1, 2011, and issue FIP and FAP supplements for any missed or increased payments, if Claimant is otherwise eligible for FIP and FAP.
- 4. As a result of the agreement, Claimant no longer requested a hearing.

### 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 Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 42 USC 601, *et seq.* The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3101 through Rule 400.3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

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.

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

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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: reinstate Claimant's FIP and FAP cases, effective August 1, 2011, if Claimant is otherwise eligible, and issue FIP and FAP supplements for any missed or increased payments, if Claimant is otherwise eligible.

As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wished 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 reinstatement of Claimant's FIP and FAP cases, effective August 1, 2011, if Claimant is otherwise eligible.
- 2. Initiate issuance of FIP and FAP supplements for any missed or increased payments, August 1, 2011, and ongoing, if Claimant is otherwise eligible for FIP and FAP.

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

Date Signed: 11/2/11

Date Mailed: 11/2/11

**NOTICE:** Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the receipt date of this Decision and Order. MAHS 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. (60 days for FAP cases)

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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 <u>MAY</u> be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome
  of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration <u>MAY</u> 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.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at

Michigan Administrative hearings Reconsideration/Rehearing Request P. O. Box 30639 Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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