

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2012-29552
Issue No.: 3000; 6021
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: February 29, 2012
County: Oakland (04)

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 February 29, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's application close Claimant's case for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? | |

Was the Department correct in its determination of payment for:

- Child Development and Care (CDC)?

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 applied for benefits received benefits for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP). | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP). | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA). |

Medical Assistance (MA). Child Development and Care (CDC).

2. On January 1, 2012, the Department
 denied Claimant's application closed Claimant's FAP case
due to verification.
3. The Department determined that Claimant's CDC provider was not eligible for
payment until the pay period that held the provider's training date.
4. On January 24, 2012, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the actions of the
Department.

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 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 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 of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence
Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL
400.105.

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315, and is
administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance
for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human
Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA
program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AACCS, Rule 400.3151 through
Rule 400.3180.

The Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Department provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and 1999 AC, Rule 400.5001 through Rule 400.5015.

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

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's FAP 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 FAP case, effective January 1, 2012.

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

BEM 704 dictates that to enroll unlicensed (Aide/Relative) providers, the Department must certify that the provider meets all of the requirements, including proof of identity and proof of age. The Department must also complete background clearances and enroll the provider in Provider Management training. The policy specifically states:

Providers are eligible for payment starting with the pay period that holds the training date. Payments for any care provided prior to the training date can not be authorized or paid. BEM 704, p. 6.

In the present case, Claimant testified that she has been trying to get CDC from as early as August of 2011, and that her provider signed up for training as soon as possible, given the Department's scheduled training. However, it is found that the Department was correct in its decision to make no payment to the provider prior to the pay period that held the provider's training date.

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 was correct in its decision with regard to CDC.

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 with regard to CDC. did not act properly.

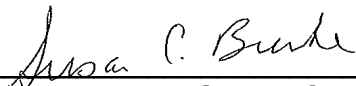
Accordingly, the Department's AMP FIP FAP MA SDA CDC decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

In addition, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing on FAP.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Initiate reinstatement of Claimant's FAP case, effective January 1, 2012, if Claimant is otherwise eligible for FAP.
2. Issue FAP supplements, January 1, 2012 and on going, for any missed or increased FAP payment, in accordance with Department policy.



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

Date Signed: 3/7/12

Date Mailed: 3/7/12

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 mailing 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)

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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