

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012 31069
Issue No.: 2027, 4031
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 7, 2012
County: Wayne County DHS (19)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris

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 June 7, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and a witness, his mother, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Medical Contact Worker.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close the Claimant's SDA benefit case Medical Assistance case?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Claimant was an ongoing recipient of SDA and Medical Assistance.
2. The Department closed the Claimant's SDA case and Medical Assistance case on February 1, 2012, due to a Notice of Appeals Council Action upholding the SSA Decision by an Administrative Law Judge denying disability and finding that the ALJ did not abuse his or her discretion. Exhibit 1.
3. The Claimant did not appeal the Appeals Council Action to the United States District Court, and therefore the Notice of Appeals Council finding is final.

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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 through R 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 through R 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 AACS, R 400.3151 through R 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001 through R 400.5015.

Additionally, BEM 271 requires that the Department close a recipient's case for SDA and Medical Assistance when the Claimant is no longer deemed eligible for Social Security Disability. In this case the Department confirmed that the Claimant only received benefits from DHS by virtue of the SSA finding of Disability. BEM 271 provides:

For clients receiving MA, SSA's determination that disability or blindness does not exist for SSI is final and the MA case must be closed if:

The determination was made after 1/1/90, and

No further appeals may be made at SSA; see Exhibit II in BEM 260, or

The client failed to file an appeal at any step within SSA's 60-day limit, and

The client is not claiming:

A totally different disabling condition than the condition SSA based its determination on, or

An additional impairment(s), change, or deterioration in his/her condition that SSA has reviewed and made a determination on yet.

At the hearing the Department disclosed that the Claimant's eligibility for SDA and MA was based upon the SSA disability eligibility finding only and not on a separate finding by the MRT. The Claimant may re apply for medical assistance based on disability, as well as SDA. with the Department. Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Department correctly closed the Claimant's case.

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

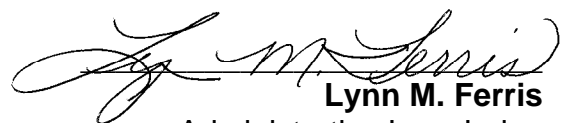
did act properly when it closed the Claimant's SDA and Medical Assistance case.

did not act properly when .

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

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

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Lynn M. Ferris

Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 14, 2012

Date Mailed: June 14, 2012

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.

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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