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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. 2012-49406

Issue No. 2018, 3019, 6043

Case No.

Hearing Date: May 30, 2012

Macomb County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki L. Armstrong

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 30, 2012. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the department and Claimant's authorized representative fully resolve the disputed issue by binding settlement offer and agreement?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- On April 5, 2012, the department sent Claimant a Notice of Case Action informing her that her Child Development and Care (CDC) program was closed because she failed to comply with child support requirements. (Department Exhibits 1-6).
- On April 11, 2012, the department sent Claimant a Notice of Case Action informing her that her Transitional Medicaid (TMA) program was closed and her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits were decreased because she failed to comply with child support requirements. (Department Exhibits 8-11)
- 3. On April 23, 2012, Claimant filed a Request for a Hearing contesting the department's actions.

- 4. Claimant's hearing was held on May 30, 2012.
- 5. During the hearing, the department's representative introduced proof that Claimant was now in compliance with the child support program.
- 6. The department's representative stated that Claimant's CDC, TMA, and FAP benefits would be reinstated back to April 2012.
- 7. Claimant accepted the department's offer of settlement and acknowledged such processing would fully resolve the negative actions taken in this case (closure of CDC and TMA and decrease in FAP).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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 of Human Services (DHS or department) administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and Mich Admin Code, Rules 400.3001-3015. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by 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 (DHS or department) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Child Development and Care 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 of Human Services (DHS or Department) provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and MAC R 400.5001-5015. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Reference Table Manual (RFT), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The law, MCL 24.278(2); MSA 3.560(178)(2), provides that disposition may be made of a contested case hearing by stipulation or agreed settlement on the record. Both parties agreed to the settlement terms set forth above.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides Claimant and the department entered into a valid, binding settlement agreement on the record at hearing.

Accordingly, the department's actions are REVERSED and this case is returned to the local office for implementation of the settlement terms.

It is SO ORDERED.

/s/ Vicki L. Armstrong Administrative Law Judge for Maura D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 6/4/12

Date Mailed: 6/4/12

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings 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. Administrative Hearings 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.

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.

VLA/ds

