

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 20125437  
Issue No.: 1021  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: November 14, 2011  
County: Calhoun County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Corey A. Arendt

**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 November 14, 2011 from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Due to a mass update due to a change in Michigan Law, did the Department properly  deny the Claimant's application  close Claimant's case for the Family Independence Program (FIP)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant  applied for benefits  received benefits for the FIP.
2. From October 1996 through September 2011, the Claimant received 125 months of federal funded FIP benefits.
3. Due to the change in Michigan law, on November 1, 2011, the Department  denied Claimant's application.  closed Claimant's case.
4. On October 11, 2011, the Department sent  Claimant  Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)

- notice of the  denial.  closure.
5. On October 13, 2011, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the  denial of the application.  closure of the case.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The 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, R 400.3101 through Rule 400.3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

Based upon the testimony and exhibits presented during the hearing, I find the Claimant did receive 125 months of federally funded FIP benefits since October of 1996. This amounts to an excess of 65 months over the federal time limit of 60 months.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, I find the Department

- properly denied Claimant's application     improperly denied Claimant's application  
 properly closed Claimant's case         improperly closed Claimant's case

for FIP benefits.

### **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.     did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's FIP decision is  AFFIRMED  REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Corey A. Arendt  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: November 16, 2011

Date Mailed: November 17, 2011

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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 **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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Michigan Administrative hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P. O. Box 30639  
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