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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary F. Heisler

## **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 hearing was held on July 10, 2012. Claimant appeared and testified.

#### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Adult Medical Program (AMP) application?

## 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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Adult Medical Program (AMP) benefits.
- 2. On May 17, 2012, Claimant was sent a Verification Checklist (DHS Form 3503).
- On May 31, 2012, the Department denied Claimant's application for Adult Medical Program (AMP) benefits because the program was closed and Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application for failure to provide all required verifications. Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605).

## 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 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 1997 AACS R 400.3001-3015.

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by Title XXI of the Social Security Act; (1115)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, and is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.* Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In this case the Department case worker testified that she did not receive all the required verifications. Claimant was not able to remember whether every one of the required verifications was turned in. A detailed analysis of the evidence presented, applicable Department policies, and reasoning for the decision are contained in the recorded record. During the hearing Claimant was informed of the decision and the reasoning behind the decision.

# 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 properly denied Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Adult Medical Program (AMP) application.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are **UPHELD**.

/s/

Gary F. Heisler Administrative Law Judge For Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 16, 2012

Date Mailed: July 16, 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.

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing 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.



GFH/tb