

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-63711  
Issue No.: 3009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: [REDACTED]  
County: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Janice G. Spodarek

**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, an in person hearing was held on [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included Ms. [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close claimant's FAP benefits and disqualify claimant permanently under a permanent disqualification pursuant to the Criminal Justice disqualification policy?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. At all relevant times prior to the negative action herein, claimant was a FAP recipient.
2. Claimant's case was scheduled for a re-determination on [REDACTED]. At that time, claimant reported children in his home. Claimant also reported on the re-determination forms that he has not been convicted of a drug related felony and has not been convicted of the same more than once.
3. On [REDACTED] a referral was made to investigate claimant's group composition.
4. On [REDACTED] the OIG determined that claimant has been convicted of multiple drug related felonies.

5. [REDACTED] contain the Michigan Department of Corrections sentences of claimant's. [REDACTED] sentences. Claimant does not dispute the sentences.
6. On [REDACTED], the DHS issued a notice of case action indicating that claimant was not eligible because he has been convicted of at least two drug related felonies since [REDACTED] which resulted in permanent disqualification for this type of assistance." [REDACTED].
7. On [REDACTED] claimant filed a hearing request.

### **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.

Applicable policy and procedure to the facts herein is found primarily in BEM Item 235. This item is titled: "Criminal Justice Disqualifications." This policy states in part:

Drug related felony...FIP & FAP...second offense: An individual convicted of a felony for the use, possession or distribution of controlled substances 2 or more times will be permanently disqualified if both offenses occurred after [REDACTED]. BEM 203, P2.

Credible and substantial evidence on the record indicates that claimant has received 2 or more convictions of a felony for use, possession or distribution of controlled substances. Under this policy, the department is required and did permanently disqualify claimant from the FAP program.

### **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 the DHS issued notice to close claimant's FAP and disqualify claimant permanently under the Criminal Justice Disqualification policy.  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.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

**Janice G. Spodarek**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: [REDACTED]

Date Mailed: [REDACTED]

**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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