

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012 64557
Issue No.: 3015,1001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 23, 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 August 23, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the claimant and the Claimant's spouse, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], ES and [REDACTED], Assistance Payments Supervisor.

ISSUE

Due to excess income, did the Department properly deny the Claimant's application close Claimant's case reduce Claimant's benefits for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)? |

Did the Department properly close the Claimant's Medical Assistance due to her son turning 18 years of age and completion of high school?

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 benefits for: received benefits for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP). | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP). | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA). |

Medical Assistance (MA). Child Development and Care (CDC).

2. On July 1, 2012, the Department denied Claimant's application
 closed Claimant's case reduced Claimant's benefits
due to excess income (FAP) and closed the Claimant's Medical Assistance because
her son became 18 and graduated from high school.
3. On June 21, 2012, the Department sent
 Claimant Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)
notice of the denial. closure. reduction.
4. On June 29, 2012, Claimant or Claimant's AHR filed a hearing request, protesting
the
 denial of the application. closure of the case. reduction of benefits.

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 Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315, and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*

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 1999 AC, Rule 400.3101 through Rule 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 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105.

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AACS, Rule 400.3151 through Rule 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 1999 AC, Rule 400.5001 through Rule 400.5015.

Additionally, At the hearing a thorough review of the Claimant's FAP budget was made and it is determined that the Claimant's gross income at the time of the FAP review in June 2012 exceeded the limit for gross income, which was \$1226. The Claimant's income consisted of earned income of \$2289 and child support of \$398, and was correctly determined by the Department. The Claimant confirmed the amount of income based on pay reporting from the Work Number and the amount of child support she received. At the hearing, the Claimant indicated that her child support was ending and advised her case worker of that fact at the time of her case review. The Department sent a verification checklist to the Claimant, but did not include a request for verification of termination of child support. Notwithstanding this omission, and excluding the child support going forward, the Claimant's earned income of \$2289 still exceeds the gross income limit of \$1226 contained in the Michigan Department of Human Services Bridges Reference Tables, (RFT) 250 (2011) page 1. Thus, based upon a review of the entire record and the testimony of the parties, it is determined that the Department correctly closed the Claimant's food assistance due to excess income.

The Department also closed the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) at the time of the review. The Claimant was originally deemed eligible for MA on the basis of a Group 2 MA category. MA is available to parents and other caretaker relatives who met the eligibility factors in this item. All eligibility factors must be met in the calendar month being tested. The Department closed the Claimant's MA case due to the fact that the Claimant's minor son had turned 18 and had graduated high school. BEM 135 defines dependent child as regards age requirements and eligibility for MA Group 2 as that he must be under age 18; or he must be age 18 and a full-time student in a high school or the equivalent. He must be expected to complete his educational training program before age 19. Michigan Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 135 (2011) pp 1. Therefore, the Department correctly closed the Claimant's Medical Assistance case as she was no longer eligible to receive this benefit.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that, due to excess income, the Department properly improperly

- denied Claimant's application
- reduced Claimant's benefits
- closed Claimant's case

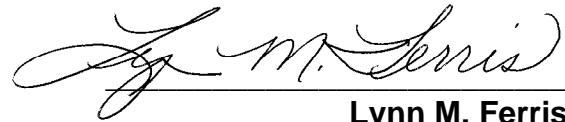
for: AMP FIP FAP MA SDA CDC.

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 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:



Lynn M. Ferris
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 29, 2012

Date Mailed: August 29, 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.

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P. O. Box 30639
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