

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-65096
Issue Nos.: 2019, 3000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 22, 2012
County: Wayne (82-18)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jan Leventer

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 22, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and her Authorized Representative, her husband, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)? |

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). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA). | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC). |

2. On August 1, 2012, the Department reduced Claimant's FAP benefits due to excess income and on September 1, 2012, the Department reduced Claimant's MA benefits due to excess income.
3. On July 19, 2012, the Department sent
 Claimant Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)
notice of the denial. closure. reduction.
4. On July 13, 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, Claimant requested that the FAP issue be dismissed. The Department had no objections. Accordingly, the FAP issue shall be dismissed from this case.

The second issue in this case is the Claimant's MA benefits. Claimant's MA coverage was automatically changed from the Temporary Medical Assistance (TMA) program, which only provides coverage for one year, to the Group 2 Caretaker (G2C) program. The Claimant is eligible for the G2C program by virtue of having minor children in the home. However, the Notice of Case Action issued in this case did not indicate that Claimant was transferred to the G2C program.

Claimant learned of the transfer to the G2C program, including an \$841 monthly Patient Pay Amount (PPA or deductible), from the Department by word of mouth; but, the erroneous Notice of Case Action contained the statement that there were no minor children in the home. Based on this inconsistency, Claimant requested a hearing.

At the hearing, the Department testified that the Notice was issued in error and agreed to prepare a Case Action Notice letter for Claimant containing the correct information for Claimant's records. Claimant was satisfied that the PPA was calculated properly based on accurate income information. Accordingly, it is found and determined that the Department acted properly in this case with regard to Claimant's MA benefits. The Department shall be upheld.

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.

In addition, at Claimant's request, the issue of FAP benefit reduction shall be dismissed from these proceedings.

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. Also, the issue of FAP benefits reduction is hereby DISMISSED at the Claimant's request.



Jan Leventer

Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 27, 2012

Date Mailed: August 27, 2012

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Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

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 - 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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