

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-75003
Issue No.: 3002
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 29, 2012
County: Oakland (02)

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 October 29, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and his son and interpreter, [REDACTED] (sic). Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly ☒ approve Claimant's application at the benefit level of \$172 per month for:

☐ close Claimant's case 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)? |

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

2. On August 2, 2012, the Department
☒ approved Claimant's application at the benefit level of \$172 per month.
☐ closed Claimant's case
3. On August 2, 2012, the Department sent
☒ Claimant ☐ Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)
notice of the ☒ approval. ☐ closure.
4. On August 31, 2012, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the
☒ approval of benefits at the level of \$172 per month.
☐ closure of the case.

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 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

Additionally, the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made in this case. Claimant's income is \$698 per month. Claimant's family group size is one person. In order to calculate a food assistance allotment, the Department first reduces the customer's income by a standard deduction of \$146, and, Claimant is entitled to an excess shelter deduction of \$474. Claimant's countable net income for FAP purposes is calculated to be \$92 per month. Dept. Exh. 1, pp. 8-9.

The Department's Reference Tables (RFT) 260, "Food Assistance Issuance Tables," is a thirty-six-page policy listing FAP benefit amounts for family groups from one to eight persons and from net incomes from \$0-\$4,003. Page 1 lists the benefit level for a household group of one person with a net income of \$92; the FAP allotment is \$172. Accordingly, it is found and determined that the Department acted in accordance with policy and shall be affirmed in this case. Department of Human Services Reference Tables (RFT) 260 (2011), p. 1.

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 the Department

- ☒ properly approved Claimant's application
- ☐ improperly denied Claimant's application
- ☐ properly closed Claimant's case
- ☐ improperly 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.



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

Date Signed: October 30, 2012

Date Mailed: October 31, 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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