

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201275586
Issue No.: 3002
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 11, 2012
County: Macomb #20

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 telephone hearing was held on October 11, 2012. Claimant appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services determine the proper amount of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits on August 27, 2012?

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 was an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
2. On August 27, 2012, the Department ran a financial eligibility budget to determine Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility. The budget had to be corrected because it contained a one time medical expense which had incorrectly been entered as a continuing expense. The budget showed that Claimant's current income and expenses required a reduction of her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. Claimant was sent notice of the determination.
3. On September 5, 2012, Claimant submitted a request for hearing.

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 AACRS R 400.3001-3015.

During the hearing Claimant's income and reported expenses were verified. Claimant had brought documentation of medical expenses with her and it was explained that she could submit those expenses for the Department to evaluate and use all allowed expenses in her future Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budgets. 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, Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department of Human Services determined the proper amount of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits on August 27, 2012.

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: October 15, 2012

Date Mailed: October 15, 2012

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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.

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