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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



 Reg. No.:
 2012-9214

 Issue No.:
 2021; 3021

 Case No.:
 Image: Compare 12, 2011

 Hearing Date:
 December 12, 2011

 County:
 Oakland County

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

## **HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Admini strative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claim ant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on December 12, 2011, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant inclu ded Claim ant. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included

#### **ISSUE**

Due to exc ess assets, did the Departm ent properly  $\Box$  deny the Claimant's app lication  $\boxtimes$  close Claimant's case for:



Family Independence Program (FIP)? Medical Assistance (MA)?

$\times$	Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?
$\boxtimes$	Food Assistance Program (FAP)?

# FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on t he competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, i ncluding the test imony at the hearing, finds as material fact:

1. Cla imant applied for benefits received benefits for:



Family Independence Program (FIP). Medical Assistance (MA).

$\times$	Adult Medical Program (AMP).
$\times$	Food Assistance Program (FAP)

Due to excess assets, on October 1, 2011, the Department
 ☐ denied Claimant's application.
 ☑ closed Claimant's case.

3. On October 14, 2011, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the  $\square$  denial of the application.  $\square$  closure of the case.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are found 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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amend ed, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Feder al Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Fam ily Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

BEM 400 sets an as set limit for AMP and FAP. In the present case, the Department used August, 2011 information regarding Claimant's assets instead of October 1, 2011 information.

Based upon the abov e Findings of Fact and Conclus ions of Law, and for the reasons Law Judge concludes that, due to excess stated on the record, the Administrative assets, the Department

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properly closed Claimant's case

properly denied Claimant's application improperly denied Claimant's application improperly closed Claimant's case

for:	🛛 AMP	🛛 FAP	🗌 MA	SDA.
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## **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  $\boxtimes$  did not act properly. did act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's  $\square$  AMP  $\square$  FAP  $\square$  MA  $\square$  SDA decision is | AFFIRMED  $| \times |$  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:

1. Initiate re-determination of Claim ant's AMP and FAP eligibility, effective October 1, 2011, using information regarding the status of Claimant's assets as of October 1, 2011.

2. Intilate issuance of F AP supplements to Claimant Oc tober 1, 2011 and ongoing, if Claimant is otherwise eligible for FAP.

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Susan C. Burke Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>12/14/11</u>

Date Mailed: <u>12/14/11</u>

**NOTICE**: Michigan Administrative Hearing S ystem (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a par ty within 30 days of the mailing date of this Dec ision and Order . MAHS will not or der a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's mo tion where the final decis ion cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request.

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 ti mely 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 <u>MAY</u> be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration <u>MAY</u> 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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