

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-20935  
Issue No.: 3008, 3014, 3025  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 14, 2012  
County: Oakland 02

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** C. Adam Purnell

**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 February 14, 2012, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] (Eligibility Specialist).

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly  deny Claimant's application  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 October 10, 2011, the Department

denied Claimant's application       closed Claimant's case  
due to the inability to locate claimant and for failure to return the semi-annual due  
December 1, 2011.

3. On October 10, 2011, the Department sent  
 Claimant       Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)  
notice of the       denial.       closure.
4. On December 15, 2011, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the  
 denial of the application.       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 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 1997 AACS R 400.3101-  
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 1997 AACS R  
400.3001-3015.

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 of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence  
Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL  
400.105.

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 State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance  
for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human  
Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA  
program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1998-2000 AACS R 400.3151-400.3180.

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 1997 AACRS R 400.5001-5015.

Additionally, Claimant voluntarily dismissed her request for hearing regarding MA and FIP and elected to proceed with the hearing regarding FAP only. Here, the Department (per FEE agents) was unable to locate Claimant at her home. Claimant also failed to provide timely verifications. As a result, the Department closed Claimant's FAP.

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 denied 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.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Adam Purnell  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 2/23/12

Date Mailed: 2/23/12

**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.

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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