

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 2012 43155  
Issue No.: 4008  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: August 8, 2012  
County: Wayne County DHS (35)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Lynn M. Ferris

**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 8, 2012 from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Assistance Payments Supervisor, and [REDACTED], Assistance Payments Worker.

**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 type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)?     | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP).     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA).           | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC).             |

2. On May 1, 2012 , the Department  
 denied Claimant's application       closed Claimant's case  
due to no eligibility for State Disability Assistance, as Claimant was found not  
disabled by MRT. Exhibits 1 and 3.
3. The Medical Review Team (MRT) denied Claimant's application for Medicaid and  
SDA on April 17, 2012. Exhibit 3.
4. The Department incorrectly opened SDA cash assistance on 11/1/11 prior to the  
MRT denial. Exhibit 4.
5. On 5/1/12 (SDA and 6/1/12, the Department sent  
 Claimant       Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)  
notice of the       denial.       closure.
6. On 4/3/12, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the  
 denial of the application.       closure of the case and termination of SDA cash  
assistance.

### **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 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 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 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, during the hearing it was established that the Department accidentally opened SDA for the Claimant prior to the Medical Review Team review.

Department Policy provides the following:

State Disability Assistance (SDA)

To receive SDA, a person must be disabled, caring for a disabled person, or age 65 or older.

A person is disabled for SDA purposes if he:

Receives other specified disability-related benefits or services, see Other Benefits or Services below, or

Resides in a qualified Special Living Arrangement facility, or

Is certified as unable to work due to mental or physical disability for at least 90 days from the onset of the disability.

Is diagnosed as having Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), see Medical Certification of Disability BEM 261.

In this case the Department acknowledged that the Claimant improperly received SDA when the Department certified Claimant's eligibility for SDA in error while processing an application for SER and SDA. The MRT denied the Claimant's SDA, finding the Claimant not disabled in April 2011. Exhibit 3. In order to be eligible for SDA or Medicaid, the applicant must be found disabled. The Claimant may reapply for Medicaid and SDA cash assistance at any time, and is urged to do so.

As regards the closure of the Claimant's SDA, it is determined that the Department properly closed the case that it incorrectly opened. As regards the SDA application and its denial, the Claimant did not receive the notice regarding the SDA application denial by the Notice of Case Action dated 3/20/12. It was sent to an old P.O. box address and indicated that the case was closed, and did not indicate that the the SDA application was denied. As the application for SDA was not properly denied, the Claimant must be allowed an opportunity to receive a notice so that she can appeal the MRT denial that she is not disabled, if she determines that she wishes to request a hearing on the

denial. The 90 days for requesting a hearing has already expired for the notice dated 3/20/12. The Department is required to provide notice of its actions. In this case it sent the notice to an address different than the one on the SDA application, and never properly denied the SDA application and thus the Claimant did not receive the notice and the SDA application was never properly denied and thus Claimant was never notified of the Department's action regarding the SDA application.

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 in part.

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

1. The Department shall properly finish processing the 9/2011 SDA application by providing a Notice of Case Action to the Claimant denying the application on the basis of the MRT 4/17/12 denial of disability.

  
**Lynn M. Ferris**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 17, 2012

Date Mailed: August 17, 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.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at  
Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P. O. Box 30639  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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