

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-78322
Issue No.: 3008; 3015
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: [REDACTED]
County: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Suzanne Morris

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 [REDACTED], from [REDACTED] Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application for failure to return the required verifications?

Did the Department properly deny the claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application for excess income?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. The claimant submitted an application for FAP and MA on [REDACTED]
2. On [REDACTED] the department mailed the claimant a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requiring her to submit proof of a several items to the department by [REDACTED]
3. The claimant submitted her verifications on [REDACTED]
4. On [REDACTED], the department mailed the claimant a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) that indicated her FAP was denied for failure to verify the required information and for excess income.

5. On [REDACTED], the claimant submitted a hearing request.

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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 through R 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 through R 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, R 400.3151 through R 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001 through R 400.5015.

Additionally, the department witness testified that the claimant did not submit the required verifications. However, the claimant did submit verifications that complied with

the verification checklist. The claimant's [REDACTED] letter from [REDACTED] indicating the lien on the vehicle has been released does show proof of ownership of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which is what the department needed to verify. The claimant also submitted a statement of her savings account. The department has issue with the fact that it was from [REDACTED] through [REDACTED]. However, as the claimant pointed out the statements are issued quarterly and the Verification Checklist does not define "current". Therefore, this Administrative Law Judge finds that the department improperly denied the claimant for failure to provide the required verifications.

However, the department also denied the claimant on the basis of excess income. The budgets do show that the claimant was excess income to receive FAP benefits. Thus, the department's actions are upheld on this count.

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 when denying the claimant's FAP application for excess income.
 did not act properly when

Accordingly, the Department's AMP FIP FAP MA SDA CDC decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

/s/ _____
Suzanne L. Morris
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: [REDACTED]

Date Mailed: [REDACTED]

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 - 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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