

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201314381  
Issue No.: 1000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 1, 2013  
County: Wayne County (#18)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: MICHELLE HOWIE**

**SETTLEMENT ORDER**

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 conducted from Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The Claimant appeared and testified. Participant on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) was [REDACTED] (Family Independence Specialist).

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly denied the Claimant's application for cash assistance program ("FIP")?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On September 11, 2012, the Department received the Claimant's application for FIP benefits.
2. On October 10, 2012, the Department sent Notice of Case Action denying the application due to Claimant allegedly not being a care/taker relative of a dependent child or have a qualifying relationship to other household members.
3. On November 20, 2012, the Department received Claimant's written hearing request disputing the Department's action.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), the Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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 law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's action. Soon after commencement of the hearing, the parties reached a settlement concerning the disputed action. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: reinstate the Claimant's September 11, 2012 FIP application and process accordingly.


As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wishes to proceed with the hearing. As such, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to render a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Department shall reinstate the Claimant's September 11, 2012 FIP application and process in accordance with policy.
2. The Department shall issue a supplement for lost FIP benefits (if any), if the Claimant is otherwise eligible and qualified in accordance with policy.

  
**MICHELLE HOWIE**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: 5/6/2013

Date Mailed: 5/6/2013

**NOTICE**: 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.

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