

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2013-16563
Issue No.: 1000; 2000; 3000
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: May 30, 2013
County: Wayne 43

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

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 hearing was held on May 30, 2013, in Highland Park, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representatives ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ Association. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, JET Case Manager, ██████████, ██████████, FIM, and ██████████ of the Office of Child Support.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly closed Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) and Medical Assistance (MA) cases and decreased Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

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 November 30, 2012, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action with regard to FIP, MA and FAP.
2. At the hearing, the parties reached an agreement whereby the Department would place Claimant in cooperation with respect to child support in all matters, effective November 12, 2012, reinstate Claimant's FIP and MA cases, effective December 1, 2012, and restore Claimant's FAP benefits, effective December 1, 2012.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department 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 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 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 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 testified that they had reached a settlement concerning the disputed action. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: place Claimant in cooperation with respect to child support in all matters, effective November 12, 2012, reinstate Claimant's FIP and MA cases, effective December 1, 2012, and restore Claimant's FAP benefits, effective December 1, 2012.

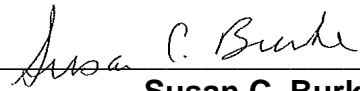
As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wishes to proceed with the hearing. As such, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to render a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

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 SHALL BEGIN TO INITIATE THE FOLLOWING STEPS WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE MAILING OF THIS ORDER:

1. Initiate placing Claimant in cooperation status with regard to child support in all matters, effective November 12, 2012.
2. Initiate reinstating Claimant's FIP and MA cases, effective December 1, 2012.
3. Initiate restoration of Claimant's FAP benefits, effective December 1, 2012.
4. Issue FIP and FAP supplements for any missed or increased payment, in accordance with Department policy.



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

Date Signed: June 5, 2013

Date Mailed: June 6, 2013

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 mailing date of the rehearing decision.

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