

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201322945
Issue No.: 3002; 2026
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: February 13, 2013
County: Kent County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susanne E. Harris

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 13, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and interpreter [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included Assistant Payments Supervisor, [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly take action to reduce the Claimant's monthly Food Assistance Program (FAP) allotment and properly determine the amount of the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) deductible?

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 was recipient of MA and monthly FAP benefits in the amount of \$ [REDACTED].
2. On November 13, 2012, the Department sent the Claimant a redetermination form.
3. On November 30, 2012, the Claimant returned the redetermination form.
4. On December 14, 2012, the Claimant reported that her income would end on December 28, 2012. The Department sent the Claimant a DHS, 3503

Verification Checklist requesting proof of stopped income. The verification was due on December 26, 2012.

5. On December 28, 2012, the Department redetermined the Claimant's eligibility based on her income, as the Claimant did not provide verification of stopped income.
6. On December 28, 2012, the Department sent the Claimant a DHS, 1605 Notice of Case Action informing the Claimant that her monthly FAP benefit had been reduced to \$ [REDACTED] and that her MA deductible was \$ [REDACTED]
7. On January 10, 2013, the Department received the Claimant's written hearing request protesting the reduction in her monthly FAP benefits and the amount of her MA deductible.

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 AACRS, 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.

In this case, the Claimant did not contest that she did not provide the verification that the Department required of her. The Department testified that the Claimant did not report the income and had still not provided the requested verification of stopped income. Bridges Assistance Manual (BAM) 130 (2102), p. 5 instructs the Department to send a negative action notice when the time period to submit the verification has elapsed and the client has not made a reasonable effort to provide it. The Administrative Law Judge therefore concludes that the Department acted in accordance with its policy when taking action to reduce the Claimant's monthly FAP allotment and determining the amount of the Claimant's deductible.

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 reducing the Claimant's monthly FAP allotment and determining the Claimant's MA deductible. 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.



Susanne E. Harris
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 3/22/13

Date Mailed: 3/22/13

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

SEH/cr

cc:

