

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013-36806
Issue Nos.: 2000, 3000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 24, 2013
County: Wayne (82-15)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Eric Feldman

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 held on April 24, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUES

1. Whether the Department properly closed Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) benefits effective November 1, 2012, ongoing?
2. Whether the Department properly closed Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits effective April 1, 2013, ongoing?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant was an ongoing recipient of FAP and MA benefits.
2. On February 5, 2013, the Department sent Claimant a Verification Checklist (VCL) requesting missing check stubs due by February 15, 2013. Exhibit 1.
3. The Department never received a response to the VCL by the due date.
4. On February 15, 2013, Claimant submitted a completed Semi-Annual Contact Report which included a check stub.

5. On March 12, 2013, the Department sent Claimant a Notice of Case Action notifying her that her MA benefits closed effective November 1, 2012, ongoing, due to her failure to comply with the VCL requirements. Exhibit 2.
6. The March 12, 2013, Notice of Case Action also notified Claimant that her FAP benefits closed effective April 1, 2013, ongoing, due to her failure to comply with the VCL requirements. Exhibit 2.
7. On March 25, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing, disputing the Department's actions.

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 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.

The State Emergency Relief (SER) program is established by 2004 PA 344. The SER program is administered pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and by 1999 AC, Rule 400.7001 through Rule 400.7049. Department policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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 actions. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: reinstate Claimant's FAP case as of April 1, 2013, ongoing; initiate calculation of the FAP budget effective April 1, 2013, ongoing, in accordance with Department policy; supplement for FAP lost benefits (if any) that Claimant was entitled to receive, if otherwise eligible and qualified, in accordance with Department policy; reinstate Claimant's MA case as of November 1, 2012, ongoing; initiate determination of Claimant's ongoing MA eligibility effective November 1, 2012, ongoing, in accordance with Department policy; supplement for MA lost benefits (if any) that Claimant was entitled to receive, if otherwise eligible and qualified, in accordance with Department policy; and notify Claimant of its MA and FAP decision in writing in accordance with Department policy.

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.

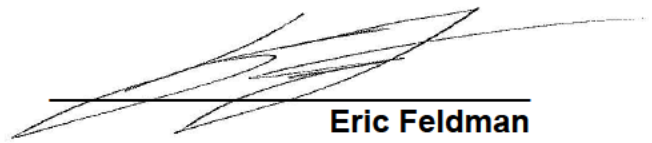
DECISION AND ORDER

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. Reinstate Claimant's FAP case as of April 1, 2013, ongoing;
2. Initiate calculation of the FAP budget effective April 1, 2013, ongoing, in accordance with Department policy;

3. Supplement for FAP lost benefits (if any) that Claimant was entitled to receive, if otherwise eligible and qualified, in accordance with Department policy;
4. Reinstate Claimant's MA case as of November 1, 2012, ongoing;
5. Initiate determination of Claimant's ongoing MA eligibility effective November 1, 2012, ongoing, in accordance with Department policy;
6. Supplement for MA lost benefits (if any) that Claimant was entitled to receive, if otherwise eligible and qualified, in accordance with Department policy; and
7. Notify Claimant of its MA and FAP decision in writing in accordance with Department policy.



Eric Feldman
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 30, 2013

Date Mailed: April 30, 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 receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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