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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: Issue No.: Case No.: Hearing Date: County: 2013-42140 2000; 3000

May 16, 2013 Wayne (19)

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 telephone hearing was held on May 16, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and Claimant's spouse, ______. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ______, ES, and ______, FIM.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Whether the Department properly:

] denied Claimant's application for benefits

 \boxtimes closed Claimant's case for benefits

reduced Claimant's benefits

for:

Examily Independence Program (FIP)?

Food Assistance Program (FAP)?

Medical Assistance (MA)?

Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?

State Disability Assistance (SDA)?
Child Development and Care (CDC)?
State Emergency Services (SER)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

On May 1, 2013, the Department:

☐ denied Claimant's application for benefits
☑ closed Claimant's case for benefits
☐ reduced Claimant's benefits

under the following program(s):

 \Box FIP \boxtimes FAP \boxtimes MA \Box AMP \Box SDA \Box CDC \Box SER.

- 1. On April 19, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action.
- 2. At the hearing, the parties reached an agreement, wherein the Department would recalculate Claimant's MA and FAP budgets, effective May 1, 2013 and reinstate the cases, effective May 1, 2013, if Claimant is found to be eligible for the programs.

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 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 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: recalculate Claimant's MA and FAP budgets, effective May 1, 2013 and reinstate the cases, effective May 1, 2013, if Claimant is found to be eligible for the programs.

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. Initiate recalculation of Claimant's MA and FAP budgets, effective May 1, 2013.
- 2. Initiate reinstatement of Claimant's MA and FAP cases, effective May 1, 2013, if Claimant is found to be eligible for the programs.
- 3. Notify Claimant in writing of her eligibility for MA and FAP.
- 4. Issue FAP supplements for any missed payment, in accordance with Department policy.

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

Date Signed: <u>May 23, 2013</u> Date Mailed: <u>May 23, 2013</u>

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. SCB/tm