

**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.: 2013-45396  
Issue No.: 2018; 3002  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: June 3, 2013  
County: Wayne 15

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan C. Burke

**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 June 3, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, ES.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant applied for benefits for MA and FAP in April of 2013.
2. The Department denied Claimant's application.
3. Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's action on May 3, 2013.
4. The Department did not present a complete Notice of Case Action at the hearing.
5. The Department did not present a budget at the hearing.

6. The Department did not present a Verification Checklist (VCL) at the hearing.

### **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 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.

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing regarding the Department's denial of MA and FAP. The Department alleged that it had issued a VCL and based on the information received, denied Claimant's MA application due to lack of proof of citizenship for one of the group's members, and denied Claimant's FAP application due to excess income. However, at the hearing, the Department did not present a complete Notice of Case Action from which to determine which programs were being denied, and when and why the programs were being denied, did not present a VCL for review to determine whether the VCL was issued properly, did not present for review items received by the Department from Claimant, and finally, and most importantly with respect to FAP, did not present a budget for examination to determine if the Department made correct calculations in denying Claimant's application.

Without proper proof to be examined by this Administrative Law Judge, it cannot be determined that the Department acted correctly.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department improperly denied Claimant's MA application of April of 2013 and FAP application of on or about April 22, 2013.

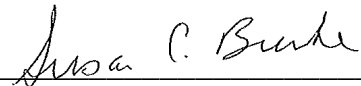
### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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 not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's MA and FAP decisions are REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

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

1. Initiate reinstatement and reprocessing of Claimant's April of 2013 MA and FAP applications.
2. Notify Claimant in writing of the Department's determination regarding Claimant's eligibility for MA and FAP.
3. Issue FAP supplements for any missed 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 receipt 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.

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