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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013-47980 Issue No.: 2000; 3000 Case No.:

Hearing Date: June 13, 2013 County: Oakland (04)

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 June 13, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ES.

# <u>ISSUE</u>

Whether the Department properly calculated Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits and closed Claimant's MA case.

# **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 May 14, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action with regard to MA and FAP.
- 2. During the hearing, Claimant stated she no longer requested a hearing regarding MA.
- 3. During the hearing, the parties reached an agreement with regard to FAP, whereby the Department would recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits, effective June 1, 2013.

#### **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 FAP benefits, effective June 1, 2013. Claimant also stated that she no longer requested a hearing regarding MA.

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 INITIATE THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS ORDER:

- 1. Initiate recalculation of Claimant's FAP benefits, effective June 1, 2013.
- 2. Issue FAP supplements, if Claimant is entitled to FAP benefits, in accordance with Department policy.

3. Issue a new Notice of Case Action with regard to Claimant's eligibility for FAP benefits.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Claimant's request for hearing regarding MA is DISSMISSED pursuant to Claimant's request.

Susan C. Burke

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

Date Signed: June 13, 2013

Date Mailed: June 17, 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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