

**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.: 2013-49186
Issue No.: 2006; 3008
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: June 24, 2013
County: Wayne (35)

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 24, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant, ██████████, Claimant's Sister and Authorized Hearing Representative, and ██████████, Claimant's Mother. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, ES, and ██████████, APS.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's MA application and close Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) case due to failure to provide verification?

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 MA benefits and received Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
2. On May 2, 2013, the Department issued a Verification Checklist (VCL) requesting proofs by May 13, 2013 (Exhibit 1).
3. Claimant did not submit the proofs until on or about May 24, 2013.
4. On May 14, 2013, the Department denied Claimant's MA application and closed Claimant's FAP case, effective June 1, 2013, due to failure to provide verification. (Exhibit 4)

5. On May 24, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the denial of his MA application and the closure of his FAP case.

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.

Clients must cooperate with the local DHS office in obtaining verification for determining initial and ongoing eligibility. BAM 105; BAM 130. The client should be allowed 10 calendar days to provide the verification. BAM 130. If the client refuses to provide the information or has not made a reasonable effort within the specified time period, then policy directs that a negative action be issued. *Id.*

In the present case, Claimant applied for MA benefits and received Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. On May 2, 2013, the Department issued a Verification Checklist (VCL) requesting proofs by May 13, 2013. Claimant's sister testified that Claimant received the VCL, as she found it within Claimant's paperwork. Claimant and Claimant's sister testified that Claimant did not submit the proofs until on or about May 24, 2013. On May 14, 2013, the Department denied Claimant's MA application and closed Claimant's FAP case, effective June 1, 2013, due to failure to provide verification by May 13, 2013.

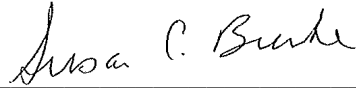
Under these facts, I find that the Department acted properly in denying Claimant's MA application and closing Claimant's FAP case, as Claimant did not submit the requested proofs by the due date. See BAM 105; BAM 130.

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 properly denied Claimant's MA application and closed Claimant's FAP case.

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.

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



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

Date Signed: June 25, 2013

Date Mailed: June 26, 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.

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
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