

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-9277  
Issue No.: 1000; 2006; 3000; 6000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 31, 2013  
County: WAYNE (76)

**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 January 31, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly  deny Claimant's application  close Claimant's case  calculate Claimant's benefits for:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)?                | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)?           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)?           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)? |

**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  received benefits for:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP). | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP).              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP).                | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA).           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA).           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC). |

2. On September 6, 2012, the Department issued to Claimant an Appointment Notice for September 13, 2012, instructing Claimant to call her specialist if she was unable to keep the appointment. (Exhibit 8)
3. Claimant called her specialist prior to September 13, 2012 and left a voice message, requesting a telephone appointment, but the specialist did not return her call.
4. On October 15, 2012, the Department  
 denied Claimant's application     closed Claimant's case     calculated Claimant's benefits.
5. On October 15, 2012, the Department sent  
 Claimant     Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)  
notice of the     denial.     closure.     calculation. (Exhibit 1)
6. On November 1, 2012, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the  
 denial of the application.     closure of the case.     calculation.
7. Claimant also filed a request for a hearing regarding FAP on November 1, 2012, but that matter was adjudicated by Administrative Hearings at a hearing on November 19, 2012, and therefore not properly before this Administrative Law Judge.
8. At the hearing, Claimant stated that she no longer requested the Department to take action with respect the FIP and CDC benefit programs.

### **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 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 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.

In the present case, on July 30, 2012, Claimant applied for FIP, MA and CDC. On September 6, 2012, the Department issued to Claimant an Appointment Notice for September 13, 2012, instructing Claimant to call her specialist if she was unable to keep the appointment. (Exhibit 8) Claimant called her specialist prior to September 13, 2012 and left a voice message, requesting a telephone appointment, but the specialist did not return her call. On October 15, 2012, the Department issued to Claimant an Application Notice, indicating that her application was denied. (Exhibit 1)

Clients must cooperate with the local DHS office in obtaining verification for determining initial and ongoing eligibility. BAM 105; BAM 130 Based upon the above discussion, I do not find that Claimant failed to cooperate with the Department. The Department was therefore not correct in denying Claimant's application.

In addition, at the hearing, Claimant stated that she did not want the Department to take further action with regard to Claimant's requests for hearing with regard to FIP and CDC.

Claimant also filed a request for a hearing regarding FAP on November 1, 2012, but that matter was adjudicated by Administrative Hearings at a hearing on November 19, 2012, per testimony of both parties, and therefore not properly before this Administrative Law Judge at this hearing.

The Michigan Administrative Code R 400.903(1) provides as follows:

An opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to an applicant who requests a hearing because his claim for assistance is denied or is not acted upon with reasonable promptness, and to any recipient who is aggrieved by an agency action resulting in suspension, reduction, discontinuance, or termination of assistance.

Based on the above discussion, Claimant's requests for hearing regarding FIP, FAP, and CDC are dismissed pursuant to Michigan Administrative Code R 400.903(1).

In addition, 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 application       improperly denied Claimant's application
- properly closed Claimant's case               improperly closed Claimant's case
- properly calculated Claimant's benefits       improperly calculated Claimant's benefits

for:  AMP  FIP  FAP  MA  SDA  CDC.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

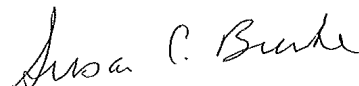
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department  did act properly.       did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's  AMP  FIP  FAP  MA  SDA  CDC decision is  AFFIRMED  REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Initiate reinstatement and reprocessing of Claimant's MA application of July 30, 2012.
2. Notify Claimant in writing of the approval or denial of the application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Claimant's requests for hearing regarding FIP, FAP and CDC are hereby DISMISSED pursuant to Michigan Administrative Code R 400.903(1).



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

Date Signed: February 1, 2013

Date Mailed: February 1, 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  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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