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

### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013-16271

Issue No.: 2006

Case No.:

Hearing Date: May 14, 2013 County: Macomb #12

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

## **HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Admi nistrative Law J udge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37; upon claimant's request for a hearing filed o n November 27, 2012. After due notice, a hearing was held Tuesday, May 14, 2013. The law, MCL 24.278(2) provides that a disposition may be made of a contested cas e hearing by stipulation or agreed settlement. In this case, the department has agreed to settle since the exact move out date needs to be verified of when the claimant's husband moved out to determine the claimant's eligibility for the contested months of May 2012 and June 2012.

Under Bridges Administrative Manual Item 600, clients have the right to contest any agency decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is incorrect. The department provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Agency policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Enforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns must start when the hearing request is received and continue through the day of the hearing.

Prior to the closure of the hearing reco rd, the department agreed to redetermine the claimant's eligibility for MA because the exact move out date was not determined for the claimant's husband, which affects her eligibility for MA. As a result of this agreement, claimant indicated she/he no longer wished to proceed with the hearing. Since the claimant and the department have come to an agreement it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to make a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

Claimant retains a right to request a hearing on the above determination within 90 days from the date of the department's written notice, pursuant to BAM Item 600.

Therefore, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to decide the matter that was in dispute. Pursuant to MAC R 400.906 and 400.903, claimant's hearing request is HEREBY DISMISSED, because claimant is no longer aggrie ved by a department action.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge based on the agreed upon settlement ORDERS that Claimant's hearing request is **DISMISSED**; and the department shall:

- Initiate a redetermination of the Claimant's eligibility for MA by sending a
  verification checklist to the claimant and her authorized representative for the
  claimant to provide lease or rental agreement or relative statement living
  arrangements of the claimant's husband and the department can do a Secretary
  of State clearance.
- 2. Provide the Claimant and her authorized representative with written notification of the Department's revised eligibility determination.
- 3. Issue the Claimant any retroactive benefits she/he may be eligible to receive, if any.

<u>/s/</u>

Carmen G. Fahie Administrative Law Judge for Maura D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 23, 2013

Date Mailed: May 23, 2013

NOTICE: A dministrative Hearings 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. Administrative Hearings 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.

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing of the Decision and Order or, i f a timely request for rehearing wa s made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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