

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201331074
Issue No.: 3002
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 30, 2013
County: Kent

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary F. Heisler

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 March 30, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified. Claimant requested a hearing in order to have all his Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) State Supplemental Payments reviewed back to 2004. Claimant was informed that his concern with long past benefits is not a hearable issue. Claimant also asserted that his current amount of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits is wrong. Claimant's statement was taken as a verbal request for a hearing on the current amount of his Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. This hearing is limited to the current amount of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. All issues contained in Claimant's February 15, 2013 written request for hearing are dismissed.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services determine the proper amount of Claimant's current Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits on February 5, 2012?

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 was an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
2. On February 5, 2013, the Department ran a financial eligibility budget to determine Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility. The budget showed that Claimant's current income and expenses make him eligible for \$ [REDACTED] of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits per month. Claimant was sent notice of the determination.

3. On March 30, 2013, Claimant made a verbal request for a hearing on the current amount of his Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

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 1997 AACR 400.3001-3015.

During this hearing it was verified that Claimant's income consists of \$ [REDACTED] of Retirement, Survivors, Disability Insurance (RSDI), \$ [REDACTED] of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and \$ [REDACTED] of SSI State Supplemental Payment. Claimant is a Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit group of one. Claimant has no [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] expense and is allowed the \$ [REDACTED] heat and utility standard as a [REDACTED] expense. Claimant's current Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget (Pages 45-47) was reviewed and found to be correct.

A more detailed analysis of the evidence, applicable Department policies, and reasoning for the decision are contained in the recorded record. During the hearing Claimant was informed of the decision and the reasoning behind the decision.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department of Human Services determined the proper amount of Claimant's current Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits on February 5, 2012.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are UPHeld.

/s/ _____
Gary F. Heisler
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 3/27/13

Date Mailed: 3/27/13

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Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

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- 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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