

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201332021
Issue No.: 3008
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: [REDACTED]
County DHS: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

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 [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly disqualify the Claimant from her Food Assistance Program (FAP) group due to her non-cooperation with the Office of Child Support?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. The Claimant was an ongoing Food Assistance Program (FAP) recipient.
2. On [REDACTED] the Office of Child Support requested that the Claimant provide information concerning her child's father by [REDACTED].
3. On [REDACTED] the Office of Child Support requested that the Claimant provide information concerning her child's father by [REDACTED].
4. On [REDACTED] the Office of Child Support notified the Claimant that it found her to be noncooperative with the Office of Child Support for failing to respond to the [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] requests for information.

5. On [REDACTED], the Department notified the Claimant that she had been disqualified from her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit group for failing to cooperate with the Office of Child Support.
6. On [REDACTED] the Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing, protesting her disqualification from the Food Assistance Program (FAP).

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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 through R 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 through R 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 Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315, and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AACCS, R 400.3151 through R 400.3180.

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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001 through R 400.5015.

Additionally, the representative of the Office of Child Support testified that its records indicated that the Claimant failed to respond to its requests for information concerning the father of the Claimant's child.

The Claimant testified that she responded to the Office of Child Support by telephone but was unable to provide them with any identifying information concerning the father of their child.

Based on the evidence and testimony available during the hearing, the Department has established that the Claimant has failed to cooperate with repeated attempts by the Office of Child Support to collect information concerning the father of her child. Therefore the Department properly determined that the Claimant should be disqualified from the Food Assistance Program (FAP) and properly determined the eligibility of her remaining benefit group for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits based on this disqualification.

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 when it disqualified the Claimant from the Food Assistance Program (FAP) for noncooperation with the Office of Child Support.

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

/s/ _____
Kevin Scully
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 04/02/2013

Date Mailed: 04/02/2013

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

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 - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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