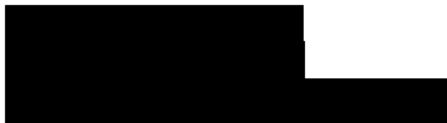


STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013-42453
Issue No.: 3014
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: May 22, 2013
County: Macomb #12

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37; upon claimant's request for a hearing filed on April 23, 2013. After due notice, a hearing was held Wednesday, May 22, 2013. The law, MCL 24.278(2) provides that a disposition may be made of a contested case hearing by stipulation or agreed settlement. In this case, the department has agreed to settle since there seems to be some confusion as why the claimant's case closed in December 2012. The claimant has always had physical custody of her three (3) children not their father. However, the claimant's FAP case was closed, then her 3 children were put on their father's FAP case. The claimant reapplied for FAP benefits on December 19, 2012, but the 3 children were not put back on her case. A fee investigation has been opened in this case to ascertain who has physical custody of the children whether the claimant or the children's father.

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. Efforts 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 record, the department agreed to redetermine the claimant's eligibility for FAP benefits since the claimant's case was closed in December 2012 and the claimant's 3 children who she has physical custody of are on their father's FAP case. 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 aggrieved 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:

1. Initiate a redetermination of the Claimant's eligibility for FAP by determining who has physical custody of the 3 children retroactive to December 2012.
2. Determine why the claimant's case closed in December 2012.
3. Once the fee investigation is completed, issue the claimant any retroactive benefits she is entitled to from December 2012 forward.
4. Provide the Claimant with written notification of the Department's revised eligibility determination.

/s/

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

Date Signed: May 28, 2013

Date Mailed: May 28, 2013

NOTICE: Administrative 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, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

CGF/hj

