

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-47349  
Issue No.: 3008  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 19, 2013  
County: SSPC West

**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 June 19, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application because he failed to provide required verifications?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, including testimony of witnesses, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
2. On April 19, 2013, Claimant was sent a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requesting verification of information necessary to determine eligibility including a [REDACTED] Claimant reported. The required verifications were due on April 29, 2013.
3. On May 3, 2013, the Department had not received the required trust verification. The Department denied Claimant's application for failure to submit required verification in a timely manner and sent Claimant notice of the denial.
4. On May 14, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are found 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 AACRS R 400.3001-3015

During this hearing Claimant testified that he has a [REDACTED] set up by his [REDACTED] he does not have any documentation about the [REDACTED] and he did not provide the Department with verification of the [REDACTED]. A detailed analysis of the evidence presented, 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 and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department of Human Services properly denied Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application because he failed to provide required verifications.

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: 6/24/13

Date Mailed: 6/25/13

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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.

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.
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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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