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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013-39143

Issue No.: 1000; 2000; 3000; 6000

Case No.:

Hearing Date: July 11, 2013 County: Wayne (49)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

## SETTLEMENT ORDER

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 July 11, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Exercise (ES.

# **ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly assisted Claimant with regard to benefits under the Family Independence Program (FIP), Medical Assistance (MA), Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Child Development and Care (CDC).

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. On April 3, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action with regard to FIP, MA, FAP, and CDC.
- 2. At the hearing, the parties reached an agreement wherein the Department would reinstate Claimant's FIP case, effective March 31, 2013 and ongoing, assist Claimant in obtaining an MA card, assist Claimant in processing a CDC application, and recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits, effective July 11, 2013

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), the Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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 1999 AC, Rule 400.3101 through Rule 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 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 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 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 1999 AC, Rule 400.5001 through Rule 400.5015.

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's action. Soon after commencement of the hearing, the parties testified that they had reached a settlement concerning the disputed action. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: reinstate Claimant's FIP case, effective March 31, 2013 and ongoing, assist Claimant in obtaining an MA card, assist Claimant in processing a CDC application, and recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits, effective July 11, 2013

As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wishes to proceed with the hearing. As such, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to render a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing.

#### THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Initiate reinstatement of Claimant's FIP case, effective March 31, 2013 and ongoing.
- 2. Issue FIP supplements for any missed payment, in accordance with Department policy.
- 3. Assist Claimant in obtaining an MA card.
- 4. Assist Claimant in processing a CDC application.
- 5. Initiate recalculation of Claimant's FAP benefits, effective July 11, 2013.

Susan C. Burke

Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: July 18, 2013
Date Mailed: July 19, 2013

**NOTICE**: Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) 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. MAHS 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. (60 days for FAP cases)

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the mailing date of the rehearing decision. SCB/tm

