

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-50654  
Issue Nos.: 3000, 5000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 27, 2013  
County: Wayne (57)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Jan Leventer

**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 June 27, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan, before Administrative Law Judge Michael Bennane. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Family Independence Manager.

On July 2, 2013, the case was reassigned to Administrative Law Judge Jan Leventer for preparation of a decision and order.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly:

- denied Claimant's application for benefits
- determined Claimant's case for benefit amount
- reduced Claimant's benefits

for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)?        | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)?         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)?          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)?                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Emergency Services (SER)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?           |                                                                     |

**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 1, 2013, the Department:
  - allocated Claimant's FAP benefits at \$367 per month.
  - denied Claimant's SER application
  - reduced Claimant's benefits
2. Claimant applied for State Emergency Relief benefits.
3. On April 15, 2013, the Department denied Claimant's SER application.
4. On June 4, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action.
5. On June 6, 2013, the Department sent notice to Claimant of the:
  - denial
  - FAP allocation.

**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 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 State Emergency Relief (SER) program is established by 2004 PA 344. The SER program is administered pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and by, 1999 AC, Rule 400.7001 through Rule 400.7049. Department policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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: the Department will recalculate Claimant's FAP benefits, review Claimant's SER application, and provide appropriate benefits.

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 INITIATE THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS ORDER:

1. Review and recalculate Claimant's records to determine the correct amount of Claimant's FAP benefits.
2. Provide retroactive and ongoing FAP benefits to Claimant at the benefit level to which she is entitled.
3. Review Claimant's SER application to determine if it was properly based on Claimant's income information.
4. Provide SER benefits if appropriate based on all of the information available.
5. All steps shall be taken in accordance with Department policy and procedure.



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

Date Signed: July 11, 2013

Date Mailed: July 12, 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)

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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 receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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