

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-52946
Issue No.: 1000, 3003
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 17, 2013
County: Washtenaw County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Corey A. Arendt

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 July 17, 2013 from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine the Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Family Independence Program (FIP) allotments?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. As of June 2013, the Claimant was receiving FAP benefits.
2. As of June 2013, the Claimant was not receiving FIP benefits.
3. On June 11, 2013, the Claimant requested a hearing protesting the amount of her FIP and FAP allotments.

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 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, R 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

The Claimant requested a hearing regarding the amount of her FIP and FAP grants. However, the Claimant testified she at no time received FIP benefits and therefore this is not a hearable issue.

In regards to the FAP determination, the Claimant alleged to have had many medical expense deductions that the Department was not taking into consideration in the budgeting of her FAP grant. The Claimant however at no time provided any evidence of the medical expenses, and asked a significant amount of questions on how to go about submitting the expenses to the Department for consideration. This made me believe she at no time provided the Department with these alleged expenses.

Therefore after an extensive review of the Claimant's budget I have determined all calculations were properly made at review, and all FAP issuance/budgeting rules were properly applied.

DECISION AND ORDER

I find, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law that the Department did act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's FAP decision is **AFFIRMED**.



Corey A. Arendt
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 18, 2013

Date Mailed: July 18, 2013

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