

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201349141  
Issue No.: [REDACTED]  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 18, 2013  
County: Kalamazoo

**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 hearing was held on July 18, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) case?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant was an ongoing recipient of Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits.
2. On May 13, 2013, Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated her Family Independence Program (FIP) would end on June 1, 2013, because she failed to provide required verifications.
3. On May 21, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request.

**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 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 1997 AACRS R 400.3101-3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

In this case Claimant had been deferred from participation in Partnership, Accountability, Training, Hope (PATH). When her status was reviewed she was sent a Verification Checklist (DHS Form 3503) and a Medical Determination Verification Checklist (DHS-3503-MRT). The required documents and information was needed to determine if Claimant would continue to be deferred or sent to PATH. During this hearing Claimant did not dispute that she did not obtain and send in a Psychiatric/Psychological Examination Report (form DHS-49D). Because Claimant had not contacted the Department and request assistance in obtaining the required examination, the Department was correct in closing her Family Independence Program (FIP). 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 properly closed Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) case.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are **UPHELD**.

/s/  
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Gary F. Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 07/25/2013

Date Mailed: 07/26/2013

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Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

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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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