

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201353281
Issue No.: [REDACTED]
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 18, 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 July 18, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application because she 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. On April 30, 2013, Claimant applied for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
2. On May 29, 2013, Claimant was sent a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requesting verification of information necessary to determine her eligibility for benefits. The required verifications were due on June 10, 2013.
3. On July 13, 2013, the Department had not received a correct verification of Claimant's bank statement. 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 June 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

The Department received a bank statement from Claimant but it did not show the name of the bank or Claimant's name. During this hearing Claimant did not dispute that on June 14, 2013; the Department had not received a bank statement with all the required information on it. 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 she 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: 07/23/2013

Date Mailed: 07/23/2013

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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.

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