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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201354400

Issue No.: Case No.:

Hearing Date: July 25, 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 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held on July 25, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified. The Department was represented by

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's June 18, 2013 application for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- (1) The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:
- (2) On August 1, 2012, Claimant was found to have committed an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) of the Food Assistance Program (FAP) and the Department was ordered to disqualify him from receiving FAP benefits for 12 months.
- (3) On August 17, 2012, Claimant was sent an Intentional Program Violation Client Notice (DHS-4357) which stated he was not eligible for FAP benefits from September 1, 2012 till August 31, 2013.
- (4) On June 18, 2013, Claimant submitted an application for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
- (5) On June 20, 2013, Claimant's FAP application was denied. Claimant was sent notice of the denial.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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 of Human Services (DHS or department) administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Claimant was disqualified from receiving Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits at the time of this application. Denial of the application was correct.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services properly denied Claimant's June 18, 2013 application for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

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 D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>07/26/2013</u>

Date Mailed: 07/29/2013

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 receipt 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 receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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

- A rehearing <u>MAY</u> be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
- 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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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P. O. Box 30639
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