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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013-55222

Issue No.: 1002

Case No.:

Hearing Date: July 29, 2013 County: Wayne (82-55)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

#### **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 29, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included

# <u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly process Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) application?

## FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. On June 3, 2013, Claimant filed an application for FIP.
- 2. On July 5, 2013, Claimant requested a hearing having received no response about her FIP application.

### **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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 through R 400.3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

At the hearing, the Department was unable to respond to questions concerning Claimant's June 3, 2013, FIP application.

## **FIP Only**

Upon immediate receipt of the FIP application, the specialist must run the FIP Eligibility Determination Group (EDG) in Bridges to timely generate an automated Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH) referral, as well as the DHS-4785, PATH Appointment Notice, to the client. While the specialist should run the FIP EDG immediately, this must be completed within five days of the application date. Certify FIP program approval or denial of the application within 45 days. BAM 115 (May 2013).

In the instant case, the Department is in violation of its standard of promptness outlined above.

# **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 did act properly when
did not act properly when failed to timely process Claimant's FIP application
Accordingly, the Department's AMP X FIP FAP MA SDA CDC decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.
☑ THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:
<ol> <li>Reregister and process Claimant's June 3, 2013, FIP application retroactively to the application date.</li> </ol>
- Andra
Michael I Bennane

Date Signed: August 6, 2013

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

Date Mailed: August 6, 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)

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.

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 affect the substantial rights of the claimant,
  - failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P. O. Box 30639
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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