

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 20145118
Issue No(s): 2013, 3015
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: November 13, 2013
County: Alpena-Alcona

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Darryl T. Johnson

HEARING DECISION

Following Claimant's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on November 13, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant, [REDACTED], and her spouse, [REDACTED], who served as her Hearing Representative. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Assistance Payments Supervisor, and [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's case for Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Adult Medical Program (AMP) benefits?

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 FAP and AMP benefits.
2. On September 23, 2013, the Department terminated Claimant's FAP and AMP benefits due to excess income following her marriage on August 19, 2013.
3. On September 23, 2013, the Department sent Claimant a Notice of Case Action.
4. On October 3, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 271.1 to 285.5. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 to .3015.

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5, and is implemented by 42 CFR 400.200 to 1008.59. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and MCL 400.105.

Prior to her marriage, Claimant was living in Genesee County and had been receiving FAP and MA-AMP for more than five years. Because of her marriage, Claimant moved to her spouse's home in Alcona County, and thereby became part of a group of two. Claimant's spouse receives monthly unearned income in the amount of [REDACTED] as disabled veteran compensation and [REDACTED] in Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI). Claimant's group income is [REDACTED] per month. The AMP monthly income limit for an individual and spouse who are living independently is [REDACTED]. See RFT 236. The income limit for a group of two in the FAP program is [REDACTED]. See RFT 250, Column B. Claimant's income exceeds the limits for both AMP and FAP.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it terminated Claimant's Food Assistance Program and Adult Medical Program benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

/s/

DARRYL T. JOHNSON
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: November 15, 2013

Date Mailed: November 15, 2013

NOTICE OF APPEAL: 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 or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

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).

A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

The Department, AHR or the claimant must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date the hearing decision is mailed.

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
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