

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201313528  
Issue No.: 3019  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 9, 2013  
County: DHS-SSPC-WEST

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Corey A. Arendt

**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 January 9, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close the Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) case due to the Claimant being found guilty of a FAP Intentional Program Violation (IPV).

**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 September 24, 2012, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) [REDACTED] found the Claimant had committed an IPV pertaining to the FAP program.
2. In November of 2011, the Department approved the Claimant for FAP benefits.
3. On November 1, 2011, the Department sent the Claimant a IPV client notice letter. The notice indicated the Claimant was disqualified from receiving FAP benefits for 12 months (December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2013).
4. On November 14, 2012, the Claimant requested a hearing.
5. On December 1, 2012, the Department closed the Claimant's FAP case due to the IPV finding.

**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 FAP [formerly known as the Food Stamp (F S) 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 1999 AC, R 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

Clients who commit an IPV are disqualified for a standard disqualification period except when a court orders a different period. Clients are disqualified for periods of one year for the first IPV, two years for the second IPV, lifetime disqualification for the third IPV, and ten years for a concurrent receipt of benefits. BAM 720.

In the present case, ALJ Heisler issued a decision on September 24, 2012, finding the Claimant to have committed an IPV concerning the FAP program. This finding disqualifies the Claimant for FAP benefits for a period of 12 months.

Therefore, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law I find the Department properly closed the Claimant's FAP case.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

I find, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law the Department did act properly.

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

/s/  
Corey A. Arendt  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 10, 2013

Date Mailed: January 10, 2013

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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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