

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201326053
Issue No.: 1021, 6019
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 5, 2013
County: Genesee 02

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 June 5, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services determine the correct Family Independence Program (FIP) and Child Development and Care (CDC) eligibility from her November 28, 2012 application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) On November 28, 2012, Claimant submitted an application for Family Independence Program (FIP) and Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits for the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in her household.
- (2) On January 7, 2013, Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which indicated she was approved for FIP beginning January 16, 2013 and that only one of the [REDACTED] was eligible for Child Development and Care (CDC) beginning January 27, 2013.
- (3) On January 18, 2013, Claimant submitted a request for hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 8 USC 601, *et seq.* The Department of Human Services (DHS or department)

administers the FIP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3101-3131. The FIP program replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

The Child Development and Care program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Department of Human Services (DHS or department) provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and MAC R 400.5001-5015. Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

At this hearing the Department representative was unable to explain why Claimant had not been determined eligible for benefits from the date of her application or why only one of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was eligible for Child Development and Care (CDC). The Department has not met its burden of presenting sufficient evidence to show that the action is correct in accordance with policy.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department has not met its burden of presenting sufficient evidence to show that their eligibility determination in this case was correct so it cannot be upheld.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are REVERSED.

It I further ORDERED that Claimant's November 28, 2012 application be reinstated, processed in accordance with Department policy and a new notice of Claimant's eligibility for Family Independence Program (FIP) and Child Development and Care (CDC) be issued.

/s/
Gary F. Heisler
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 6/19/13

Date Mailed: 6/20/13

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

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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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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
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