

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201334534  
Issue No.: 3002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 16, 2013  
County: Oakland 03

**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 April 16, 2013. [REDACTED], Claimant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and authorized hearing representative appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services determine the proper amount of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility on December 8, 2012?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

- (1) Claimant is an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. On December 8, 2012 the Department updated Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget to reflect the cost of living increase added to her Social Security Administration benefits. The budget showed that Claimant was eligible for \$ [REDACTED] per month beginning January 1, 2013.
- (2) On February 26, 2013, Leslie Feldman submitted a request for hearing regarding the amount of Lindsey's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

**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

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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).

During this hearing all of Lindsey's income and expenses were verified. Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 503 (2012) Page 24 was reviewed because Social Security Administration is withholding some of [REDACTED] Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment. Lindsey's Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget was reviewed and found to be correct.

A detailed analysis of the evidence reviewed presented, applicable Department policies, and reasoning for the decision are contained in the recorded record. During the hearing Claimant's authorized hearing representative was informed of the decision and the reasoning behind the decision.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services determined the proper amount of Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility on December 8, 2012.

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

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

Date Signed: 4/24/13

Date Mailed: 4/29/13

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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 **MAY** 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  
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