

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 201334688
Issue No.: 3002
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 10, 2013
County: Wayne County (#57)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: MICHELLKE HOWIE

SETTLEMENT ORDER

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 conducted from Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday April 10, 2013. The Claimant appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] (FIM) and [REDACTED] (Eligibility Specialist).

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly decreased the Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

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 April 1, 2013, the Department:

- denied Claimant's application for benefits
- closed Claimant's case for benefits
- reduced Claimant's benefits

under the following program(s):

- FIP FAP MA AMP SDA CDC SER.

2. On February 19, 2013, the Department sent notice to Claimant (or Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative) of the:

- denial
- closure
- reduction.

3. On March 4, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Human Services (DHS) policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), the Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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 Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's action. Soon after commencement of the hearing, the parties testified that they had reached a settlement concerning the disputed action. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: Issue a supplement for lost FAP benefits back to effective date of reduction; and recalculate FAP budget to determine correct future benefit allotment.

As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wishes to proceed with the hearing. As such, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to render a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Department shall issue a supplement for lost FAP benefits (if any) that Claimant was otherwise entitled retroactive to the effective date of FAP reduction.

2. The Department shall determine the Claimant's FAP benefit allotment taking into consideration the provided verification in accordance with policy.

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

Date Signed: 4/18/2013

Date Mailed: 4/18/2013

NOTICE: 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.

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