

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 201335951  
Issue No.: 1022, 3014  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 24, 2013  
County: Saginaw

**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 24, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services properly close Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) because there are no eligible children in her household?

Did the Department of Human Services properly remove Claimant's children from her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit group?

**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 was an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. Claimant's benefit group included herself, [REDACTED].
- (2) On February 26, 2013, [REDACTED] were removed from Claimant's care and placed in [REDACTED].
- (3) On March 8, 2013, Claimant was sent notice that her Family Independence Program (FIP) would close on April 1, 2013.
- (4) On March 12, 2013, Claimant was sent notice that her Food Assistance Program (FAP) would close on April 1, 2013.
- (5) On March 18, 2013, Claimant submitted a request for hearing about her Family Independence Program (FIP).

- (6) On March 19, 2013, Claimant submitted a request for hearing about her Food Assistance Program (FAP).

### **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 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 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).

Claimant does not dispute that [REDACTED] are not currently in her household. Claimant asserts her assistance should not be changed because the [REDACTED] will be back and she (Claimant) needs money to keep things ready for their return.

Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 210 (2013) requires that Family Independence Program (FIP) eligibility requires at least one dependent child living with the program grantee. Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 212 (2012) requires that the Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit group consists of those persons living together.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services properly closed Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) removed Claimant's children from her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit group.

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

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

Date Signed: 4/26/13

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 mailing 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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