

**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.: 2013-41959
Issue No.: 3002
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: May 16, 2013
County: Wayne (35)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

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 May 16, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly reduce the Claimant's FAP benefits?

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 April 14, 2013, the Claimant quit her job.
2. On April 12, 2013, the Department sent the Claimant a notice of case action with an effective date of May 1, 2013, for the reduction of the Claimant's group's FAP benefits.
3. On April 18, 2013, the Department sent the Claimant a notice of noncompliance for quitting her job.
4. On May 1, 2013, the Department reduced the Claimant's FAP because the Claimant quit her job, and she was removed from the FAP group.

5. On April 16, 2013, the Claimant requested a hearing the protest the reduction in her FAP benefits.

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 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 through R 400.3015.

The Claimant testified that she quit her job because her husband became ill. There was no attempt to have him declared disabled and in need of her care.

Working

Disqualify non-deferred adults who were working when the person:

Voluntarily quits a job of 30 hours or more per week without good cause, or

Voluntarily reduces hours of employment below 30 hours per week without good cause, or... (233B, p. 3; January 1, 2013).

Here, the Claimant quit her job to take care of her spouse.


DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department

did act properly when it removed the Claimant from the FAP group and reduced the Claimant's FAP accordingly.

did not act properly when .

Accordingly, the Department's AMP FIP FAP MA SDA CDC decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.


Michael J. Bennane
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 31, 2013

Date Mailed: May 31, 2013

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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.
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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 affect the substantial rights of the Claimant:
 - failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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