

**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.: 201342580
Issue No.: 3002
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: May 20, 2013
County: Oakland County (#04)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: MICHELLE 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 conducted on Monday, May 20, 2013 from Detroit, Michigan. The Claimant appeared. Participant on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) was [REDACTED] (Assistant Payment Supervisor).

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly reduced the Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) allotment?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Claimant is an ongoing FAP recipient with a group size of 1.
2. The Department sent Claimant notice of simplified six month review for FAP benefits requesting verification of income.
3. On April 11, 2013, the Department sent Claimant Notice of Case Action that her FAP benefits would be reduced from \$200 to \$16.00 effective April 1, 2013.
4. On April 18, 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: recalculate the Claimant's FAP allotment back to January 2013 to include housing expenses and issue a supplement for loss FAP benefits, if any.


As a result of this settlement, 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 WITHIN 10 DAYS:

1. The Department shall recalculate the Claimant's FAP benefits to include housing expenses back to January 2013; and issue a supplement for loss FAP benefits, if any, the Claimant was otherwise eligible to receive in accordance with policy.



Michelle Howie
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 5/28/2013

Date Mailed: 5/28/2013

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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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