

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201345118  
Issue No.: 2015  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 3, 2013  
County: Jackson

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susanne E. Harris

**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 July 3, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included his Authorized Representative (AR) [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included Assistance Payments Supervisor, [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly  deny Claimant's eligibility  close Claimant's case for:

- Family Independence Program (FIP)?  Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?  
 Food Assistance Program (FAP)?  State Disability Assistance (SDA)?  
 Medical Assistance (MA) for August of 2012?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant  applied for benefits  received benefits for:

- Family Independence Program (FIP).  Adult Medical Assistance (AMP).  
 Food Assistance Program (FAP).  State Disability Assistance (SDA).  
 Medical Assistance (MA).  Child Development and Care (CDC).

2. On February 7, 2013, the Department  
 denied Claimant's eligibility for August of 2012     closed Claimant's case  
due to the Claimant not having a child in his home during that month.
3. On February 7, 2013, the Department sent  
 Claimant     Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)  
notice of the     denial.     closure.
4. On May 1, 2013, Claimant's AR filed a hearing request, protesting the  
 denial of eligibility for August of 2012.     closure of the case.

### **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 Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 42 USC 601, *et seq.* The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1999 AC, R 400.3101 through Rule 400.3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

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, R 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105.

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315, and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AAC, R 400.3151 through Rule 400.3180.

The Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Department provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and 1999 AC, R 400.5001 through Rule 400.5015.

At the onset of the hearing, [REDACTED] testified that he had telephoned the Claimant repeatedly and left messages that he wished to withdraw from representing the Claimant because [REDACTED] agrees with the Department's position that the Claimant is not eligible for MA for August of 2012. [REDACTED] testified that the Claimant did return one of the telephone calls to [REDACTED], but did not give permission for [REDACTED] to withdraw from representation. [REDACTED] also testified that the Claimant was aware of the date and time for hearing. The Administrative Law Judge did also telephone the Claimant, who was not present at the local office, and left a message for the Claimant to telephone the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) if he wished to have a hearing. As of the date of the signing of this decision, no telephone call from the Claimant has been received at MAHS.

Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 135 (2011) p. 1 provides criterion for eligibility for a Care Taker Relative and one of those criterion is that there is a [REDACTED] in the home. In this case it is not disputed that there was no child in the Claimant's home in August of 2012. The Claimant's AR did not have permission to withdraw from representing the Claimant and the AR agrees that the Department is acting in accordance with its policy. As such, the Administrative Law Judge determines that it is not contested that the Department was acting in accordance with its policy and that the denial of MA eligibility as a Care Taker Relative is therefore proper.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department

properly denied Claimant's eligibility for August 2012  improperly denied Claimant's application  
 properly closed Claimant's case  improperly closed Claimant's case

for:  AMP  FIP  FAP  MA  SDA  CDC.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finds that the Department  
 did act properly.  did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's  AMP  FIP  FAP  MA  SDA  CDC decision is  AFFIRMED  REVERSED.

/s/  
Susanne E. Harris  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 7/9/13

Date Mailed: 7/9/13

**NOTICE:** Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. MAHS will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request. (60 days for FAP cases)

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.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at  
Michigan Administrative hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
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