

**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 54460
Issue No.: 3015, 3014
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: July 22, 2013
County: Wayne (19)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris

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 22, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████ ██████████ Assistance Payments Supervisor, and ██████████, ES.

ISSUE

Due to excess income, did the Department properly ☐ deny the Claimant's application ☒ close Claimant's case ☐ reduce Claimant's benefits for:

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| ☐ Family Independence Program (FIP)? | ☐ Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)? |
| ☒ Food Assistance Program (FAP)? | ☐ State Disability Assistance (SDA)? |
| ☐ Medical Assistance (MA)? | ☐ Child Development and Care (CDC)? |

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 for: ☒ received benefits for:

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| ☐ 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 July 1, 2013, the Department ☐ denied Claimant's application
☒ closed Claimant's case ☐ reduced Claimant's benefits
due to excess income.
3. On June 17, 2013, the Department sent
☒ Claimant ☐ Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)
notice of the ☐ denial. ☒ closure. ☐ reduction.
4. On June 21, 2013, Claimant or Claimant's AHR filed a hearing request, protesting
the
☐ denial of the application. ☒ closure of the case. ☐ reduction of 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 1999 AC, Rule 400.3001 through Rule 400.3015.

Additionally, during the hearing the Department caseworker assigned to this case credibly testified that she specifically inquired of the Claimant whether he and his mother bought and prepared food together and that Claimant responded "yes". The Caseworker sought clarification because the statement signed by Claimant's mother indicated that he paid her \$500 per month rent and that food was not included and was unclear regarding whether the Claimant bought and prepared food together. The Claimant testified that he did not recall the conversation. Based upon the response received by the caseworker at the time of the interview, the Department correctly closed the Claimant's FAP case due to excess income as the Department correctly included the Claimant's mother in the FAP group and thus was required to also include her income. BEM 212 pp. 5 (11/20/12)

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, due to excess income, the Department ☒ properly ☐ improperly

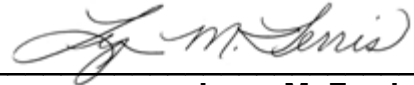
- ☐ denied Claimant's application
☐ reduced Claimant's benefits
☒ closed Claimant's case

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, and for the reasons stated on the record, 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 for the reasons stated on the record.



Lynn M. Ferris
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 30, 2013

Date Mailed: July 30, 2013

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 affect the substantial rights of the claimant,
 - 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
P. O. Box 30639
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