

**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 56829
Issue No.: 3000, 6019
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: August 8, 2013
County: Wayne (19)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris

HEARING DECISION

AND

**ORDER OF WITHDRAWAL OF FOOD ASSISTANCE HEARING REQUEST AT
HEARING**

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 August 8, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████ Case Manager.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly:

- denied Claimant's application for benefits
- closed Claimant's case for benefits
- reduced Claimant's benefits

for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? | <input type="checkbox"/> State Emergency Services (SER)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)? | |

Whether any issue remains to be resolved regarding Food Assistance?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On June 27, 2013, the Department:

- denied Claimant's application for benefits
- closed Claimant's case for benefits
- reduced Claimant's benefits

under the following program(s):

- FIP FAP MA AMP SDA CDC SER.

2. On June 27, 2013, the Department sent notice to Claimant (or Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative) of the:

- denial
- closure
- reduction.

At the hearing the Claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with her hearing request regarding Food Assistance.

3. On July 2, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing concerning the Department's action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department 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 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001 through R 400.5015.

In the present case, Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the Department's action with regard to her Food Assistance. At the hearing the Claimant stated on the record that no issue remained with regard to the Food Assistance and that she wished to withdraw the hearing request.

As regards the Claimant's CDC issue the Department at the hearing could not say why CDC was not authorized after several breaks in the hearing were provided to allow the Department to determine factually what was going on. The Department could not substantiate its action and therefore it cannot be determined why the application was denied and whether it was properly denied. Additionally the Claimant sought day care for Charles Daryl Jones and it was unclear as to the status of that request. On the redetermination dated May 14, 2013 the Claimant clearly stated that she was working and listed both her children. The Department could not say specifically why the child day care was denied based upon need. Therefore, it is determined that the Department did not meet its burden of proof to support the denial of Claimant's CDC application.

DECISION AND ORDER

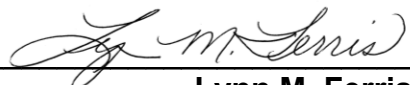
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department

- did act properly when .
- did not act properly when it denied the Claimant's CDC application.

Accordingly, the Department's AMP FIP FAP MA SDA CDC decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons in this Decision.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. The Department shall initiate reinstatement of the Claimant's Child Development and Care application retroactive to the date of application and shall determine Claimant's ongoing eligibility in accordance with Department policy based upon the verifications received by the Department pursuant to the redetermination.
2. The Claimant's request for hearing regarding Food Assistance is withdrawn as no issue currently exists with regard to the Claimant's Food Assistance.


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

Date Signed: August 16, 2013

Date Mailed: August 16, 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.

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