

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-59116  
Issue No.: 3000; 2000; 4070  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: August 20, 2013  
County: Shiawassee

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

**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 held on August 20, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Family Independence Manager (FIM), [REDACTED] and Eligibility Specialist (ES), [REDACTED] (ES).

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> denied Claimant's application for benefits | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> closed Claimant's case for benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reduced Claimant's benefits for:           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)?         | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)?             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)?  | <input 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)?            |   |

**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 August 1, 2013, the Department:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> denied Claimant's application for benefits   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> closed Claimant's case for benefits   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reduced Claimant's benefits under the following program(s):  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAP <input type="checkbox"/> MA <input type="checkbox"/> AMP <input type="checkbox"/> SDA <input type="checkbox"/> CDC <input type="checkbox"/> SER. |

2. On July 1, 2013, the Department sent notice to Claimant (or Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative) of the:

- denial  
 closure  
 reduction.

3. On July 16, 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 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, Rule 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, Rule 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 AACS, Rule 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, Rule 400.5001 through Rule 400.5015.

The State Emergency Relief (SER) program is established by 2004 PA 344. The SER program is administered pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and by 1999 AC, Rule 400.7001 through Rule 400.7049. Department policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The regulations governing the hearing and appeal process for applicants and recipients of public assistance in Michigan are found in the Michigan Administrative Code, 1999 AC, R 400.901 through Rule 400.951. An opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to an applicant who requests a hearing because a claim for assistance is denied or is not acted upon with reasonable promptness, and to any recipient who is aggrieved by a Department action resulting in suspension, reduction, discontinuance, or termination of assistance. Rule 400.903(1). A request for hearing shall be in writing and signed by the claimant, petitioner, or authorized representative. Rule 400.904(1).

The Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 600, p. 4, provides in relevant part as follows:

The client or authorized hearing representative has 90 calendar days from the date of the written notice of case action to request a hearing. The request must be received anywhere in DHS within the 90 days.

The Claimant also wished to protest that she still has a co-pay of \$ [REDACTED] on her [REDACTED] on her MA case and she also testified that her State Supplemental Payment (SSP) was reduced back in February. The Department testified that the Claimant was notified that she was approved for full MA without a deductible and notified of the determination of the amount her SSP on February 15, 2013. In this case, the Claimant returned a hearing request dated July 16, 2013 for the closure of her FAP case of which she was notified on July 1, 2013. As the hearing for the MA and SSP issues was not requested within 90 days of the notification of the Department's actions, the Claimant's hearing requests on these issues must be and is hereby dismissed.

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 of closing her FAP case. 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: reinstate the Claimant's FAP case back to the closure date and issue the Claimant any supplement she may thereafter be due.

As a result of this settlement, Claimant no longer wishes to proceed with the hearing. As such, 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:

1. Initiate action to reinstate the Claimant's FAP case back to the closure date and issue the Claimant any supplement she may thereafter be due.

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

Date Signed: 8/21/13

Date Mailed: 8/21/13

**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.

SEH/tb

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