

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2014-16201
Issue No(s): 3007
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 30, 2014
County: Kalamazoo

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael S. Newell

HEARING DECISION

Following Claimant's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 30, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] Recoupment specialist.

ISSUE

Did Claimant receive an overissuance of program benefits that the Department is entitled to recoup?

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 received benefits for: Food Assistance Program (FAP).
2. The Department determined that Claimant received a FAP overissuance in the amount of \$ [REDACTED] during the period of May 1, 2012, through October 31, 2012.
3. The overissuance was due to Department error.
4. On February 15, 2012, Claimant began working at [REDACTED]
5. On March 1, 2013, the Department received Claimant's Redetermination form, which stated that Claimant was working at [REDACTED] temporarily and that her job would end on February 29, 2012.

6. A couple of weeks after Claimant's temporary work with [REDACTED] ended, the employer called Claimant back to work.
7. The Department incorrectly calculated the Claimant's benefits without the [REDACTED] earnings information.
8. Accordingly, from May 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012, Claimant was over issued \$ [REDACTED] in FAP benefits, to be recouped at 10% from future benefits.. (See Exhibits 1 and 2).
9. The Department sent Claimant a Notice of Over Issuance on or around November 15, 2013.
10. On or around November 19, 2013, the Department received Claimant's hearing request.
11. Claimant disputes the recoupment by the Department but is not disputing the amount of over issuance by the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

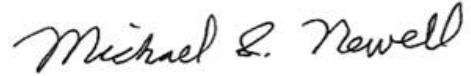
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 271.1 to 285.5. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 to .3015.

Additionally, The Department did not err in determining the over issuance and requiring recoupment. Claimant does not dispute the amount, and the recoupment is required by BAM 700 and 705. Thus, the Department's action in this case is consistent with policy.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that Claimant did receive an overissuance for FAP benefits in which the Department presently seeks recoupment.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's action seeking recoupment is: **AFFIRMED**.



MICHAEL S. NEWELL
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 10, 2014

Date Mailed: February 10, 2014

NOTICE OF AP PEAL: 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 or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

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).

A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

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