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

### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.:	2014-6986
Issue No.:	
Case No.:	
Hearing Date:	February 25, 2014
County:	Saginaw

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: William A. Sundquist

# **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 February 25, 2014 from Saginaw County, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included . Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included

#### ISSUE

Due to excess assets, did the Department properly  $\boxtimes$  deny the Claimant's application close Claimant's case for:

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Family Independence Program (FIP)? Medical Assistance (MA)?

Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?
State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

# FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant 🛛 applied for benefits 🗌 received benefits for:



Family Independence Program (FIP). Medical Assistance (MA).

Adult Medical Assistance (AMP). State Disability Assistance (SDA).

2. Due to excess assets, on October 4, 2013, the Department 🛛 denied Claimant's application. 🛛 🗌 closed Claimant's case.

- On October 4, 2013, the Department sent

   Claimant
   Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)

   notice of the
   I denial.
   Closure.
- 4. On October 13, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the ⊠ denial of the application. □ closure of the case.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

🗌 The	e Adult	Medical	Program	(AMP)	is	established	by	42	USC	1315,	and	is
adminis	stered b	y the Dep	artment pu	irsuant t	o N	1CL 400.10, e	et se	q.				

☐ 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 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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105.

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

Additionally, on July 25, 2013. The claimants homestead was transferred into a living trust with the claimant as trustee. The claimants, AHR admitted that the DHS transferred property correctly in accordance with the EM 400/401.

Persons having right to a hearing if they disagree with the negative case action by the DHS---rule 400 .903 (1). In this case, the negative case action was excess assets.

The AHR did not want a hearing on the negative case action. He wanted to know the DHS rationale for not counting the property when it was classified as a quotation mark homestead and quotation mark and counting the same property after it was transferred to a trust per BEM 401, the AHR was informed that was a matter to discuss with the policymaker(s).

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 assets, the Department

properly denied Claimant's application	improperly denied Claimant's application
properly closed Claimant's case	improperly closed Claimant's case

for:	AMP	🗌 FIP	🖂 MA	SDA.
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#### **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  $\square$  did act properly.  $\square$  did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's  $\square$  AMP  $\square$  FIP  $\boxtimes$  MA  $\square$  SDA decision is  $\bigotimes$  **AFFIRMED.** 

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William A. Sundquist Administrative Law Judge For Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 03/11/2014

Date Mailed: 03/12/2014

**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.

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 <u>MAY</u> 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 P. O. Box 30639 Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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