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

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		Reg. No.: Issue No.: Case No.: Hearing Date: County:	201419908 2002;3002 January 29, 2014 Wayne (19)			
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez						
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 29, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Research Res						
<u>ISSUE</u>						
Did the Department properly \square deny Claimant's application \boxtimes close Claimant's case for:						
	Family Independence Program (FIP)? Food Assistance Program (FAP)? Medical Assistance (MA)? Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?		,			
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 ☑ received: ☐ FIP ☑ FAP ☑ MA ☐ AMP ☐ benefits.	SDA CDC	□DSS □SSP			
2.		osed Claimant's c	case			

due to failure to verify assets. 3. the Department sent Claimant/Claimant's Authorized On Representative (AR) its decision. 4. On , Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR) filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions. 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 Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193, and 42 USC 601 to 679c. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to MCL 400.10 and 400.57a and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 to .3131. 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. The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5, and is implemented by 42 CFR 400.200 to The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family 1008.59. Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 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. The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180. The Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 601-619, 670-679c, and 1397-1397m-5; the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, PL 101-508, 42 USC 9858 to 9858g; and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL The program is implemented by 45 CFR 98.1-99.33. The Department

administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and provides services to adults and

children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001-.5020.

Direct Support Services (DSS) is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-119b. The program is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10 and 400.57a and Mich Admin Code R 400.3603.					
☐ The State SSI Payments (SSP) program is established by 20 CFR 416.20012099 and the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1382e. The Department administers the program oursuant to MCL 400.10.					
Additionally, the Department allegedly closed claimant's MA case and reduced claimant's FAP budget on the However, the Department failed to submit documentary evidence of this action, including the notice of case action itself, and the reason for the notice. There is no evidence claimant was ever asked to verify assets. There is no proof that claimant ever failed to provide verification. There is no evidence that claimant's FAP allotment should have been reduced. Furthermore, claimant had evidence at the hearing that showed that the 401k in question did not exist.					
As such, the Department has failed to meet its burden of proof in showing that the action taken was correct. The Department did not provide any documentary evidence as to whether the verifications in question were returned, whether the verifications were properly requested, or whether the FAP budget was properly calculated. As such, the undersigned must rule that the Department has failed to meet it's burden of proof in showing that the action taken was correct.					
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the a of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record,	<u> </u>				
 □ acted in accordance with Department policy when it □ did not act in accordance with Department policy when it ☑ failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed claimant's MA case and reduced claimant's FAP budget. 					
DECISION AND	<u>ORDER</u>				
Accordingly, the Department's decision is					
☐ AFFIRMED.☐ REVERSED.☐ AFFIRMED IN PART with respect to toto .	and REVERSED IN PART with respect				
□ THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO B ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POL HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS O DECISION AND ORDER:	LICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS				

- 1. Reopen claimant's MA benefit case retroactive to the date of negative action,
- Reprocess claimant's FAP budget.

Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>2/11/2014</u>

Date Mailed: <u>2/11/2014</u>

NOTICE OF APPEAL: 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.

The Department, AHR or the claimant must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date the hearing decision is mailed.

The written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings Reconsideration/Rehearing Request P.O. Box 30639 Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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