

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2014-27458
Issue No.: 2002; 3002
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 13, 2014
County: Wexford

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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, telephone hearing was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], OCS.

ISSUE

Due to a failure to comply with the verification requirements, did the Department properly close Claimant's case for:

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant received: FAP and MA benefits.
2. Claimant was required to submit requested verification.
3. On January 27, 2014, the Department closed Claimant's case.

4. On January 27, 2014, the Department sent Claimant notice of its action.
5. On February 4, 2014, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's action.

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.

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 1008.59. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and MCL 400.105.

Additionally, the Claimant was a recipient of FAP and MA. She got [REDACTED] on [REDACTED], but had a [REDACTED] that was [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. The Claimant is unable to get a [REDACTED] for her [REDACTED] because there is no [REDACTED] listed for her [REDACTED] on his [REDACTED]. Her [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] because the [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] while she was still [REDACTED] but the Claimant states that he is not the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] in question. Although the Claimant has provided verification as to her attempts to get a [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] she has not been able to secure one. As a result, the Department could not issue FAP and MA benefits based on policy for the [REDACTED] in question. BEM 223.

During the hearing, a call was made to the Office of Child Support (OCS) to assist the Claimant in getting benefits for her [REDACTED] with assistance in getting a [REDACTED]. The OCS Department Caseworker took information to get a paternity case started on behalf of the child.

The Department met their burden that the Claimant's FAP and MA case should be closed because the Claimant failed to provide the required [REDACTED] for her [REDACTED].

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed the Claimant's FAP and

MA because the Claimant failed to provide the required [REDACTED] for her [REDACTED]

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is
AFFIRMED.

Carmen G. Fahie

Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 3/21/14

Date Mailed: 3/21/14

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 Claimant;
- 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.

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

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P.O. Box 30639
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