

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 14-000868
Issue No.: 3008
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: May 13, 2014
County: DHS SSPC-WEST

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary F Heisler

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 May 13, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included himself. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Hearing Facilitator Dodson.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's Food Assistance Program eligibility on March 31, 2014?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On March 20, 2014, Claimant submitted an application for Food Assistance Program benefits.
2. On March 31, 2014, Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated his Food Assistance Program eligibility was \$10 for the period March 20-31, 2014 and \$27 per month from April 1, 2014.
3. April 4, 2014, Claimant submitted a hearing request contesting the amount of his Food Assistance Program benefits.
4. On April 10, 2014, Claimant participated in a pre-hearing conference and reported a \$700 medical bill which had not been submitted to the Department yet.

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), Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

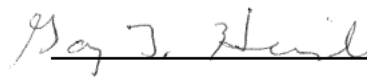
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 to .3015.

In this case Claimant was concerned about all of his medical expenses being used in his Food Assistance Program eligibility determination. Additional medical expenses have been submitted since the hearing request and will increase Claimant's Food Assistance Program benefits beginning in May. The other income and expenses in Claimant's Food Assistance Program financial eligibility budget were not in question. The initial Food Assistance Program eligibility on March 31, 2014 was correct with the medical expenses that had been reported and verified.

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 determined Claimant's Food Assistance Program eligibility on March 31, 2014.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



Gary Heisler
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **5/14/2014**

Date Mailed: **5/14/2014**

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- 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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