

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-000904
Issue No.: 3014
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 10, 2014
County: Kent - Dist 1

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

HEARING DECISION

Upon a hearing request by the Department of Human Services (Department) to establish an over-issuance (OI) of benefits to Respondent, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9, 400.43a, and 24.201, *et seq.*, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.941, and in accordance with 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, in-person hearing was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Participants on behalf of the Department included [REDACTED], RS.

Participants on behalf of Respondent included the Respondent.

ISSUE

Did Respondent receive an OI of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Respondent was a recipient of FAP benefits from the Department.
2. The Department alleges Respondent received a FAP OI during the period September 1, 2013, through *March 31, 2014*, due to Respondent's error.
3. The Department alleges that Respondent received an \$ [REDACTED] OI that is still due and owing to 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 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.

Additionally, the Department reported that the Respondent failed to report that he was employed and earning income working for [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 47-66. The RS realized that the Respondent was not given credit for the child support that he was paying and ran the report to include the credit for child support paid. Department Exhibit 43-46.

The Respondent was not given credit for rent paid because according to the Department he failed to provide a rent verification or [REDACTED]. However, the Department could not meet their burden to provide a verification checklist to show that they requested the information and the Respondent did not provide it. As a result, the Respondent was provided a verification checklist at the hearing to provide proof of [REDACTED] during the contested time period of [REDACTED] within 10 days, so that the Department could redetermine if an over-issuance occurred. BAM 105, 700, 715, and 725. BEM 500-550.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department did not establish a FAP benefit OI to Respondent totaling \$ [REDACTED].

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department is REVERSED.

Carmen H. Sabie

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

Date Signed: 6/18/14

Date Mailed: 6/25/14

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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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