

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 14-006742  
Issue No.: 1001, 3008  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: August 13, 2014  
County: Genesee County DHS #6

**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 August 13, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included herself and her husband. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Hearing Facilitator [REDACTED] and PATH [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's Family Independence Program and Food Assistance Program eligibility for April, May and June 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. Claimant's June 30, 2014 hearing request provides jurisdiction to review the Department's Family Independence Program and Food Assistance Program eligibility determinations for April, May, and June 2014.
2. On May 21, 2014, the Department issued a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) showing a correct eligibility determination for Claimant's Family Independence Program and Food Assistance Program from June 1, 2014 ongoing.
3. On July 3, 2014, the Department issued a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) showing a correct re-determination of Claimant's Family Independence Program and Food Assistance Program for April 1-30, 2014.

4. On July 9, 2014, the Department attempted to correct Claimant's Family Independence Program and Food Assistance Program eligibility for May 1-31, 2014. The action could not be completed due to BRIDGES programing issues.

### **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 Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and 42 USC 601 to 679c. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to 45 CFR 233-260, MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, 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 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.

During this hearing Claimant's FIP and FAP financial eligibility budgets and group income were reviewed and discussed. It was determined that the financial eligibility budgets for April, May and June 2014 have been corrected. The Department's current eligibility determinations are correct. The Department has already remedied April and June 2014 benefits. Due to BRIDGES programming issues Claimant's May 2014 benefits have not been supplemented.

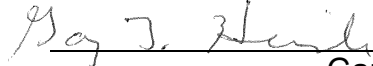
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department had not acted in accordance with Department policy on June 30, 2014 in Claimant's Family Independence Program and Food Assistance Program eligibility for April, May and June 2014.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Supplement Claimant for May 2014 Family Independence Program and Food Assistance Program benefits she was eligible for but has not received.

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

Date Signed: **8/26/2014**

Date Mailed: **8/26/2014**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date.

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS may order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion.

MAHS may grant a party's Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration 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 party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration 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 this Hearing Decision is mailed.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, 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:

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P.O. Box 30639  
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