

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201430561  
Issue No(s): 3006  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 16, 2014  
County: Kalamazoo (39)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Robert J. Chavez

**HEARING DECISION**

Upon a hearing request by the Department of Human Services (Department) to establish an overissuance (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, a telephone hearing was held on June 16, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of the Department included [REDACTED]

Respondent did not appear. This matter having been initiated by the Department and due notice having been provided to Respondent, the hearing was held in Respondent's absence in accordance with Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 725 (2014), pp. 16.

Participants on behalf of Respondent included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did Respondent receive an OI of

Family Independence Program (FIP)

State Disability Assistance (SDA)

Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

Child Development and Care (CDC)

**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  FIP  FAP  SDA  CDC benefits from the Department.
2. The Department alleges Respondent received a  FIP  FAP  SDA  CDC OI during the period December 2011, through December 2012 due to  Department's error  Respondent's error.
3. The Department alleges that Respondent received a [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, when calculating recoupment amounts, the Department used projected employment and UCB income during the months in question, not actual income. Per policy in BAM 705, if improper budgeting of income caused the overissuance, the Department is to use actual income for the past overissuance month for that income source.

In the current case, the Department used projected, not actual income. As such, the Department incorrectly calculated the overissuance in question.

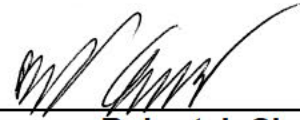
As the Department has supplied incorrect overissuance numbers, the undersigned cannot hold that the Department has properly proven an overissuance of FAP benefits. As the Department has not properly proven an overissuance of FAP benefits, an overissuance recoupment request must be denied.

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

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department is

REVERSED.



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

Date Signed: August 8, 2014

Date Mailed: August 8, 2014

**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides or has its principal place of business in the State, 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.

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