

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-009307  
Issue No.: 3002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: September 11, 2014  
County: Oakland-District 2

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Kevin Scully

**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 September 11, 2014, from Madison Heights, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] and her daughter and authorized hearings representative [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close the Claimant's 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. The Claimant was an ongoing Food Assistance Program (FAP) recipient.
2. On May 8, 2014, the Department sent the Claimant a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requesting verification of her retirement income by May 19, 2014.
3. On June 17, 2014, the Department notified the Claimant that it would terminate her Medical Assistance (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
4. On July 25, 2014, the Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing, protesting the termination of Medical Assistance (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

## **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.

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5; 42 USC 1315; the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the collective term for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and 42 CFR 430.10-.25. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

The Claimant was an ongoing Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Medical Assistance (MA) recipient when the Department sent her a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requesting verification of her retirement income by May 19, 2014. When the Department did not receive the requested information, it notified her on July 25, 2014, that it would terminate her Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.


The Claimant's representative argued that a family member mailed the required retirement income documents to the Department before the May 19, 2014, due date. The Claimant kept copies of the material sent to the Department along with notes of when the information was sent through the U.S. Postal Service.

The Claimant had a duty to provide the Department with information necessary to determine her eligibility to receive continuing benefits. This Administrative Law Judge finds that the Claimant failed to provide sufficient evidence to establish that verification of retirement income was sent to the Department in a timely manner.

Therefore, 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 terminated her Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Medical Assistance (MA) benefits for failure to provide the Department with information necessary to determine her eligibility to receive benefits..

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

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

Date Signed: **9/12/2014**

Date Mailed: **9/12/2014**

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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.

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