

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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Reg. No.: 14-003756  
Issue No.: 1008  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: July, 9, 2014  
County: Wayne (76-Gratiot/7 Mile)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**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 July 9, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████  
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**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits case?

**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 December 12, 2013, the Department sent Claimant a PATH appointment notice for an appointment on December 23, 2013.
2. On March 27, 2014, Claimant was reengaged with PATH but continued to be noncompliant with PATH.
3. On May 13, 2014, the Department sent Claimant a notice of noncompliance with PATH and scheduled a triage for May 20, 2014.
4. On May 20, 2014, the Department held a triage with Claimant and found no good cause for Claimant's failure to participate in PATH.

5. On May 21, 2014, the Department scheduled a pre-hearing conference for June 2, 2014. Claimant did not attend the pre-hearing conference
6. On May 20, 2014, Claimant requested a hearing to protest the negative action taken by 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), 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.

At the hearing, and in the request for the hearing, Claimant argued that her medical condition would not allow her to participate in PATH.

The Department testified that, although Claimant provided the Department with hospitalization documentation and documentation from her physician, neither document addressed Claimant's inability to participate in PATH.

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 it closed Claimant's FIP case for failure to participate in PATH.
- did not act in accordance with Department policy when it .
- failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it .

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is

AFFIRMED.  
 REVERSED.  
 AFFIRMED IN PART with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ and REVERSED IN PART with respect to \_\_\_\_\_



**Michael J. Bennane**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **7/14/2014**

Date Mailed: **7/14/2014**

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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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