

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-004852
Issue No.: 3007
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 17, 2014
County: Monroe

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: William A. Sundquist

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 17, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly increase/supplement Claimant's case for Food Assistance Program (FAP)?

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 received FAP benefits.
2. On April 8, 2014, other action was taken by the Department concerning increase supplement FAP benefits, which the Claimant agrees were correctly awarded through June 2014.
3. On June 12, 2014, Claimant requested a hearing .
4. Claimant wanted a hearing on alleged mistreatment by DHS employees based on delayed payment of FAP.

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 271.1 to 285.5. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 to .3015.

Additionally, an opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to a recipient who is aggrieved by agency action resulting in suspension, reduction, discontinuance, or termination of assistance...R400.903(1).

In this case, Claimant admits the Agency awarded her favorable past FAP benefits. Therefore, she is not entitled to a hearing on this past issue.

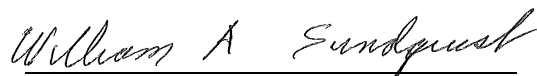
Complaints as to alleged misconduct or mistreatment by state employees shall not be considered through the administrative process, but shall be referred to the department personnel director....R400.903(5).

Therefore, as a matter of law, this ALJ had no legal authority to address Claimant's complaint.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon 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 approved claimant's increase/supplement FAP benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

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



William A. Sundquist
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **7/23/2014**

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- 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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