

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-008533  
Issue No.: 2007, 3008  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: September 4, 2014  
County: Genesee-District 2 (Mc Cree)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Darryl T. Johnson**

**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 04, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and his fiancé, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Hearings Facilitator [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits and his Medical Assistance (MA) deductible?

**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 was an on-going FAP recipient.
2. Claimant was mailed a Redetermination packet on April 15, 2014, and his responses were due May 6, 2014.
3. Claimant reported monthly income of [REDACTED] from RSDI, and did not report any shelter expenses or utilities.
4. On April 18, 2014, Claimant applied online for MA.
5. On April 28, 2014, the Department approved Claimant for MA with a monthly deductible of [REDACTED].

6. On May 30, 2014, the Department approved Claimant for [REDACTED] of FAP per month.
7. On July 25, 2014, the Department received Claimant's hearing request.

### **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.

Claimant testified during the hearing that he lives with his mother and is her caretaker. He purchases food, which he prepares for both of them. She has unearned income. Because of liver cancer, she has very expensive medical bills. Claimant had not previously reported to the Department that he and his mother purchase and prepare food together. The Department based his benefits on him being in a group of one.

When Claimant submitted his Redetermination (Exhibit 1 Pages 6-10) on April 23, 2014, he did not make any reference to living with his mother in her home. In a Health Care Coverage Supplemental Questionnaire (Exhibit 1 Pages 18-20) he submitted on April 25, 2014, it reflects that he and his mother live in the same household. Neither of them is identified as being disabled.

The Department was on notice that Claimant and his mother shared the same household. It did not include the mother in Claimant's group. The testimony established that they are in the same group, and their combined income is to be considered in determining eligibility and benefits.

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 did not

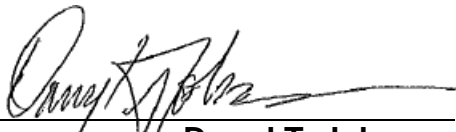
act in accordance with Department policy when it calculated Claimant's FAP benefits and MA deductible.

**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. Redetermine Claimant's FAP benefit eligibility, effective June 1, 2014;
2. Reregister the claimant's MA back to April 1, 2014, and process the application properly;
3. Issue a supplement to Claimant for any benefits improperly not issued.

  
**Darryl T. Johnson**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **9/8/2014**

Date Mailed: **9/8/2014**

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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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