

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-012966  
Issue No.: 2001; 4001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: December 11, 2014  
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 17

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke**

**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 December 11, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Case Manager. [REDACTED], Translator, was also present.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process Claimant's cash assistance application under the Family Independence Program (FIP) and the State Disability Assistance (SDA) program?

**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 applied for cash assistance on [REDACTED].
2. The Department issued a Notice of Case Action on [REDACTED], informing Claimant that she was denied cash assistance benefits due to exceeding the FIP federal time limits and due to Claimant not being disabled.
3. Claimant received FIP benefits in excess of 60 months.
4. Claimant requested a hearing on [REDACTED].

**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.

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

In the present case, Claimant acknowledged that she received FIP benefits for 93 months, in excess of the federal time limit of 60 months (BEM 7/2013), p. 6. Therefore, the Department was correct in denying Claimant's cash assistance application under the FIP program.

However, the Department also stated in its reason for denial for cash assistance that Claimant was not disabled. Claimant testified at the hearing that she is disabled, but the Department presented no evidence substantiating why the Department found Claimant not disabled.

SDA is a cash program for individuals who are not eligible for FIP and are disabled or the caretaker of a disabled person. BEM 214 (4/2014) p. 1

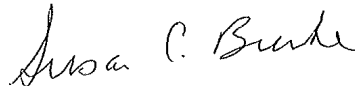
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied claimant's cash application under the SDA program.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED IN PART with respect to FIP, and REVERSED IN PART with respect to SDA.

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. Re-register and reprocess Claimant's [REDACTED] application for cash assistance under the SDA program.
2. Notify Claimant in writing of the Department's determination with respect to SDA eligibility.
3. Issue SDA supplements for any payment Claimant was entitled to receive, in accordance with Department policy.



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**Susan C. Burke**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

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

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

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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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