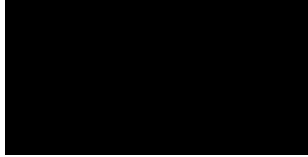


**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 14-013542  
Issue No.: 2000;3004;6004  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: November 06,2014  
County: Wayne-District 55

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Zainab Baydoun**

**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 November 6, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process Claimant's application for Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), and Medical Assistance (MA) 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. On August 11, 2014, Claimant submitted an application for FAP, MA and CDC benefits. (Exhibit A)
2. On September 29, 2014, Claimant requested a hearing disputing the Department's actions, alleging that the Department failed to process her application.

**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).

### **MA**

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 hearing was requested to dispute the Department's action taken with respect to Claimant's MA benefits. Shortly after commencement of the hearing, Claimant testified that understood and was satisfied with the actions taken by the Department and that she no longer had any issues to address with respect to her MA benefits, as she had active and ongoing MA benefits. Claimant confirmed that she did not wish to proceed with the hearing concerning MA. The Request for Hearing was withdrawn. The Department agreed to the dismissal of the hearing request.

### **FAP/CDC**

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 Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 601-619, 670-679c, and 1397-1397m-5; the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, PL 101-508, 42 USC 9858 to 9858q; and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193. The program is implemented by 45 CFR 98.1-99.33. The Department administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001-.5020.

Additionally, when the Department receives an application for assistance, it is to be registered and processed in accordance with Department policies. The date of application is the date the local office receives the required minimum information on an application or the filing form. BAM 110 (July 2014), pp.4-8,18-22. The standard of promptness (SOP) begins the date the department receives an application/filing form, with minimum required information. BAM 115 (July 2014), pp. 1,14-15. The Department is to certify program approval or denial of the application within the appropriate standard of promptness, unless an exception applies and upon certification of eligibility results, the Department is to notify clients in writing of positive and negative actions by

generating the appropriate notice of case action. After processing an initial application, the Department will notify clients of the approval or denial. BAM 115, pp. 1, 13-19;BAM 220 (January 2014), p. 1.

In this case, Claimant testified that on August 11, 2014, she went to the local office and used the Department's computer to submit an online application for FAP, MA and CDC benefits. (Exhibit A). Claimant stated that on September 29, 2014, she went back to the local Department office to check on the status of her application and was informed that the Department did not have a record of the application. The Department testified that it did not have any record of an application submitted by Claimant on August 11, 2014, and that the only record of an application for FAP and CDC benefits submitted was in December 2013. (Exhibit 1). At the hearing, Claimant provided a copy of the confirmation she received after submitting her application online in support of her testimony. (Exhibit A). The Department acknowledged that the application was not registered or processed.

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 because Claimant provided sufficient evidence to establish that she submitted an application for FAP and CDC benefits on August 11, 2014, the Department did not act in accordance with Department policy when it failed to process Claimant's FAP and CDC application.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the hearing request with respect to MA is DISMISSED and the Department's FAP and CDC 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. Register and process Claimant's August 11, 2014, application for FAP and CDC benefits;
2. Issue FAP supplements to Claimant from August 11, 2014, ongoing in accordance with Department policy;
3. Issue CDC supplements to Claimant and her CDC provider from August 11, 2014, ongoing in accordance with Department policy; and
4. Notify Claimant in writing of its decision.



**Zainab Baydoun**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **11/10/2014**

Date Mailed: **11/10/2014**

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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:

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

CC:

