

**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.: 2014-11920
Issue No.: 2003; 3003; 5001
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: December 17, 2013
County: Macomb #20

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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 Tuesday, December 17, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Stephanie Moore, ES.

ISSUE

Due to excess income, did the Department properly deny the Claimant's application close Claimant's case reduce Claimant's benefits for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Emergency Relief (SER)? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)? |

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 received:
 FIP FAP MA AMP SER CDC
benefits.
2. On October 30, 2013, the Department denied Claimant's application closed Claimant's case reduced Claimant's benefits

due to excess income and SER benefits are not issued for the month of October because it is not an emergency as listed in policy.

3. On October 30, 2013, the Department sent Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR) its decision.
4. On November 7, 2013, Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR) filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions.

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 Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193, and 42 USC 601 to 679c. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to MCL 400.10 and 400.57a and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 to .3131.

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.

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5, and is implemented by 42 CFR 400.200 to 1008.59. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and MCL 400.105.

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315 and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10.

The State Emergency Relief (SER) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The SER program is administered by the Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) pursuant to MCL 400.10 and by Mich Admin Code, R 400.7001 through R 400.7049. Department policies are found in the Department of Human Services State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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, the Claimant had self-employment, which required written receipts or a 25% deduction on total income based on Department policy. The Claimant had self-employment income of [REDACTED] with a 25% deduction, resulting in earned income of [REDACTED] Department Exhibit 11. The Claimant failed to submit itemized receipts to the Department so that actual deductions could be utilized rather than the 25% lump sum deduction.

As a result of excess income, the Claimant had a decrease in FAP benefits from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] per month. After deductions from her gross income of [REDACTED] of an earned income deduction of [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] standard deduction for an adjusted gross income of [REDACTED]. The Claimant was given a total shelter deduction of [REDACTED], resulting from a housing expense of [REDACTED] for property taxes and heat and utility standard of [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 9. The Claimant was given an adjusted excess shelter deduction of [REDACTED], with a total shelter deduction of [REDACTED] minus 50% of adjusted gross income of [REDACTED]. The Claimant had a net income of [REDACTED], which was the adjusted gross income of [REDACTED] minus the excess shelter deduction of [REDACTED]. With a net income of [REDACTED] the Claimant qualified with a household group size of 1 for a maximum benefit of [REDACTED] plus \$0 in economic recovery minus 30% of net income of [REDACTED], resulting in a net benefit amount of [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 6-8. On October 30, 2013, the Department Caseworker sent the Claimant a notice that effective December 1, 2013 that her FAP benefits would be [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 1-3.

In addition, the Claimant had excess income for AMP. The Claimant had earned income of [REDACTED]. She had a net earned income of [REDACTED], resulting from total earned income of [REDACTED] minus [REDACTED] plus 20% earned income deduction of [REDACTED]. With a net income of [REDACTED], the Claimant failed the AMP income test with the AMP income level being [REDACTED]. As a result, the Claimant's AMP case was closed due to excess income on October 30, 2013. Department Exhibit 1-3.

On October 18, 2013, the Claimant applied for SER for assistance with a utility bill. The Claimant application was denied because on October 28, 2013 because the SER crisis season is from November 1, 2013 until May 31, 2014. Department Exhibit 12. ERM 301. BEM 544, 500, 550, and 554.


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 reduced the Claimant's FAP benefits from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] because of excess income, closed the Claimant's AMP case due to excess income, and properly denied the Claimant's SER application because it was not submitted in an energy crisis month.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is

AFFIRMED.


Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 12/27/2013

Date Mailed: 12/27/2013

NOTICE OF APPEAL: The claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. MAHS will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request (60 days for FAP cases).

A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted 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 Department, AHR or the claimant 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 the hearing decision is mailed.

The written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

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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

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