

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201423365  
Issue No.: 3001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 13, 2014  
County: Kent

**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, telephone hearing was held on Thursday, February 13, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], ES and [REDACTED], FIM.

**ISSUE**

Due to excess income, did the Department properly reduce Claimant's benefits for the 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 November 27, 2013, the Department reduced Claimant's benefits due to excess income.
3. On November 27, 2013, the Department sent Claimant notice of its decision.
4. On January 14, 2014, Claimant 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 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, the Claimant was a recipient of FAP benefits. On November 27, 2013, the Claimant filed an application for SER for assistance with heating costs. Department Exhibit 45-69. While processing the SER application, the Department Caseworker found unreported income for the Claimant's son, [REDACTED], who was over 18 years of age, which requires his income to be counted as a part of the household income. Department Exhibit 9-12. He also works at [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 33-37. The Claimant also has earned income from employment. Department Exhibit 19-27. The Claimant's other son, [REDACTED], is also over the age of 18 years, which requires his earned income from [REDACTED] to also be counted. Department Exhibit 28-32.

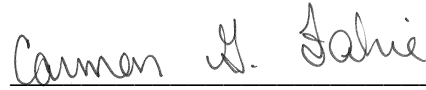
As a result of excess income, the Claimant had a decrease in FAP benefits. There were several FAP budgets run because of changes in income; this Administrative Law Judge reviewed the last budget change. After deductions from her gross income of [REDACTED] of an earned income deduction of [REDACTED] and 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] and heat and utility standard of [REDACTED]. The Claimant was given an adjusted excess shelter deduction of \$0, 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 6 for a maximum benefit of [REDACTED] plus [REDACTED] in economic recovery minus 30% of net income of [REDACTED], resulting in a net benefit amount of [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 6-8.

The Department has met its burden to prove that the Claimant had excess income for FAP resulting in a decrease in FAP benefits from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. BEM 500, 503, and 550. BAM 105, 110, 115, and 220.

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 decreased Claimant's FAP benefits from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] as a result of excess income.

**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: February 20, 2014

Date Mailed: February 20, 2014

**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:

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