

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2014-28535
Issue No(s): 1005
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 18, 2014
County: Saginaw

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael S. Newell

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 March 18, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], ES.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's FIP benefits from April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 for failure to attend PATH?

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 January 29, 2014, the Medical Review Team Determined that Claimant was able to attend work first/PATH.
2. The Department issued a PATH appointment notice on January 29, 2014 to attend the PATH program beginning February 10, 2014. (Exhibit 2).
3. Claimant did not attend. The Department sent Claimant a notice of noncompliance on February 25, 2014, scheduling a triage for February 25, 2014. (Exhibit 3).
4. Claimant did not attend the triage.
5. On February 18, 2014, the Department closed Claimant's cash assistance (FIP) from April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014. (Exhibit 4).

6. On February 21, 2014, the Department received Claimant's hearing request, together with a medical needs form stating that Claimant was able to work with limitations listed on the form. (Exhibits 2 and 9).
7. The PATH program can accommodate such limitations.

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).

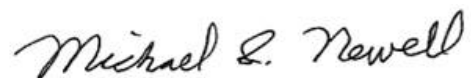
The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193, and 42 USC 601 to 679c. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to MCL 400.10 and 400.57a and Mich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

Additionally, Claimant did not show good cause for failure to participate in the PATH program. Claimant is able to attend with restrictions and presented no documentation supporting a conclusion that she could not attend on February 10, 2014. The Department acted in accordance with policy in closing Claimant's FIP benefits for the time period listed. See BAM 233A.

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 acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed Claimant's FIP benefits from April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 for failure to attend PATH.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



Michael S. Newell
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 28, 2014

Date Mailed: March 28, 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.

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