

**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.: 14-005107
Issue No.: 1006
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: November 24, 2014
County: WASHTENAW (DISTRICT 20)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

HEARING DECISION

Upon a hearing request by the Department of Human Services (Department) to establish an overissuance (OI) of benefits to Respondent, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9, 400.43a, and 24.201, *et seq.*, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.941, and in accordance with 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 24, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of the Department included ██████████ Family Independence Manager.

Participants on behalf of Respondent included ██████████

ISSUE

Did Respondent receive an OI of Family Independence Program (FIP) 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. Respondent was a recipient of FIP benefits from the Department.
2. The Department alleges Respondent received a FIP OI during the period of November 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 due to client error.
3. The Department alleges that Respondent received a ██████████ OI that is still due and owing to the Department.

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, 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.

Additionally, the Department has failed to supply overissuance budgets in the current case. As such, the Department has failed to prove the overissuance in question. While the undersigned admits that when an error is made, there is more than likely some overissuance; however, this is not always the case. By failing to submit the overissuance budgets and therefore, the numbers used to determine overissuance, the Department cannot be said to have proven their case, as the undersigned has no way of knowing whether or not the figure supplied by the Department is actually correct.

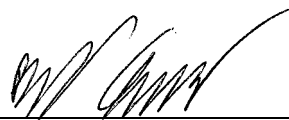
As the Department has failed to supply overissuance budgets, the undersigned cannot hold that the Department has properly proven an overissuance of FIP benefits. As the Department has not properly proven an overissuance of FIP benefits, an overissuance recoupment request must be denied.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department did not establish a FIP benefit OI to Respondent totaling [REDACTED]

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department is REVERSED.

The Department is ORDERED cease and delete any recoupment action pertaining to the current case.



Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Interim Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **3/3/2015**
Date Mailed: **3/3/2015**
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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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Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P.O. Box 30639
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