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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No.: 15-001069 Issue No.: 6001

Case No.:

Hearing Date: February 19, 2015

County: WAYNE- 55 (HAMTRAMCK)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

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 February 19, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Participants. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Family Independence Specialist/JET Case Manager.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Child Development and Care (CDC) 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. Claimant received CDC benefits as a result of participating in the PATH program.
- 2. Claimant was removed from the PATH program for alleged noncompliance.
- 3. Claimant's CDC benefits were closed on January 25, 2015.
- 4. Claimant was sent a notice of case action with regard to the closure on January 8, 2015.
- 5. On January 20, 2015, Claimant requested a hearing.

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 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.

CDC eligibility ends based on an approved activity need reason when the primary caretaker is no longer participating with the one-stop service center or other employment agency. BAM 703, pg 11 (2014).

Claimant was removed from participation in the PATH program. While that removal may have been in error, per a decision from this Administrative Law Judge under Register Number 15-001068, error is irrelevant as to whether Claimant's CDC benefits should remain open.

Per policy, when removed from the PATH program, CDC eligibility ends. No exceptions for the legitimacy of that removal are provided. Furthermore, Claimant had offered no other reasons that CDC need existed. As such, because Claimant had been removed from the PATH program, the Department was correct to close CDC benefits.

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 CDC benefit case.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

Robert J. Chavez

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Interim Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 3/5/2015 Date Mailed: 3/5/2015

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- 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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