

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-000698
Issue No.: 3006
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 30, 2015
County: CALHOUN (DISTRICT 21)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

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 March 30, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of the Department included [REDACTED], Recoupment Specialist.

Participants on behalf of Respondent included Respondent and [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did Respondent receive an OI of Food Assistance Program (FAP) 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 FAP benefits from the Department.
2. Respondent was convicted of felony controlled substance possession and use charges, with sentencing dates of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
3. Respondent did not have an Authorized Representative while receiving FAP benefits.

4. The Department alleges Respondent received FAP OIs during the period of August of 2008 through May of 2010 in the amount of \$4,180.00 and during the period of December of 2011 to September of 2013 in the amount of \$2,492.00.
5. Respondent received a \$6,672.00 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 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 273. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 to .3015.

In the present case, Respondent acknowledged that he was convicted of felony controlled substance possession and use charges, with sentencing dates of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Respondent also acknowledged that he did not have an authorized representative. Based on these facts, per BEM 203 (8/2008), p. 2, BEM 203 (1/2009), p. 2 and BEM 203 (10/2011), p. 2, Respondent was not entitled to FAP benefits for the time periods alleged by the Department. Respondent stated that he had a family friend assist him with obtaining benefits, but even so, Respondent was not entitled to FAP benefits per the above policy, as the friend was not an authorized representative.

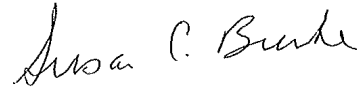
In addition, the Department substantiated the OI amounts in its documentation shown on Exhibit A, pp. 4, 5, 9, 10.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department established a FAP benefit OI to Respondent totaling \$6,672.00.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department is AFFIRMED.

The Department is ORDERED to initiate collection procedures for a \$6,672.00, OI in accordance with Department policy.



Susan C. Burke
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Interim Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **4/1/2015**

Date Mailed: **4/1/2015**

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- 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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