

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-004574
Issue No.: 3008
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: May 05, 2015
County: Kent-District 1

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary Heisler

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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 5, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included herself. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included Assistance Payment Worker [REDACTED] and Family Independence Manager (FIM) [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's Food Assistance Program eligibility on March 11, 2015?

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 was an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program benefits.
2. On January 20, 2015, the Department received a Verification of Employment (DHS-38) from Claimant's husband's employer.
3. On March 3, 2015, the Department received additional income verification for Claimant's husband.
4. On March 11, 2015, Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated her Food Assistance Program benefits would decrease beginning April 1, 2015.
5. On March 20, 2015, Claimant submitted a hearing request.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

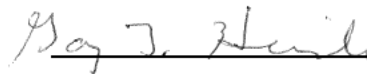
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

The earned income used in the March 11, 2015, Food Assistance Program eligibility determination was based on information from the January 20, 2015, Verification of Employment (DHS-38). The Verification of Employment (DHS-38) indicated that Claimant's husband makes \$ [REDACTED] per week. During the hearing Claimant testified that her husband has not been receiving as much as the Verification of Employment (DHS-38) indicates. The verifications submitted by Claimant on March 3, 2015 consisted of: a December 5, 2014 paycheck for \$ [REDACTED] a December 12, 2014 paycheck for two weeks of \$ [REDACTED] a note stating he received \$ [REDACTED] cash on January 23, 2015; a February 12, 2015 paycheck for \$ [REDACTED] and his 2014 1099 from the employer. The majority of the income verifications submitted on March 3, 2015 are consistent with the January 20, 2015 Verification of Employment (DHS-38).

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 properly determined Claimant's Food Assistance Program eligibility on March 11, 2015.

DECISION AND ORDER

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



Gary Heisler
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **5/12/2015**

Date Mailed: **5/12/2015**

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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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