

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-006553  
Issue No.: 3007  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 09, 2015  
County: Montcalm

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Carmen G. Fahie

**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 Tuesday, June 09, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], LW.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine the Claimant's eligibility for 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. The Claimant applied for FAP benefits.
2. On April 16, 2015, the Claimant was approved for FAP benefits. Department Exhibit 3-9.
3. On April 16, 2015, the Claimant requested a hearing because with a recipient number of 6, she gets her FAP benefits on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, but would rather receive them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month, which is the same day she receives her social security benefits. Department Exhibit 2.

### **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).

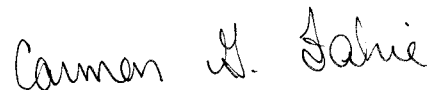
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services)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

In this case, the Claimant applied and was approved for FAP benefits. The Claimant had an issue with when her FAP benefits were received on her card, which was on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. She would prefer her FAP benefits to be received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month, which is the same day she receives her Social Security benefits. The Claimant requested a hearing even though the Supervisor informed her over the telephone that recipient numbers are randomly chosen by a computer in Lansing. The last number of the grantee's recipient identification number identifies the date benefits are available per BAM 400, page 1. Once a recipient number has been given, the Claimant would always have that number with that disbursement date for 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 properly processed the Claimant's recipient identification number and determined her disbursement of FAP benefits based on her recipient identification number.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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



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**Carmen G. Fahie**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **6/10/2015**

Date Mailed: **6/10/2015**

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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.

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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