

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-008071  
Issue No.: 1008  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 08, 2015  
County: Kalkaska

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Vicki L. Armstrong

**AMENDED 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, an in-person hearing was held on July 8, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant personally appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included General Services Program Manager [REDACTED] and Family Independence Specialist [REDACTED].

At the conclusion of the hearing, a Hearing Decision was issued by Administrative Law Judge Vicki L. Armstrong and mailed on July 28, 2015 which is hereby **AMENDED** to reflect the decision that claimant's husband is disabled.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

In this case, the physician clearly specified on the DHS-54E, Medical Needs-PATH form, that Claimant is required to provide care 24-hours a day for her spouse, due to his disability. Because Claimant is required to be in the home 24 hours a day, it follows Claimant cannot engage in an employment-related activity due to the extent of care required.

Moreover, Claimant's husband's treating physician opined that Claimant is disabled based on his seizures and is unable to work. Because Claimant's treating physician's opinion is well supported by medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques, it has controlling weight. 20 CFR 404.1527(d)(2). Therefore, this Administrative Law Judge finds Claimant's husband is disabled.

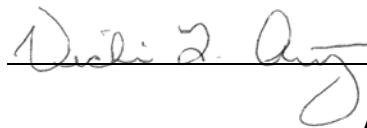
**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reinstate FIP benefits back to the application date and any retroactive benefits that may be applicable in accord with Department policy.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



Vicki L. Armstrong  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **8/17/2015**

Date Mailed: **8/17/2015**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date. **A copy of the claim or application for appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).**

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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If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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P.O. Box 30639  
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