

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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MAHS Reg. No.: 15-015625
Issue No.: 3001
Agency Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: October 12, 2015
County: Pathways to Potential

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

HEARING DECISION

Following Petitioner'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 October 12, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by ██████████
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ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's July 27, 2015, Food Assistance Program (FAP) application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. On July 27, 2015, Petitioner applied for FAP benefits.
2. On August 5, 2015, the Department sent Petitioner a verification checklist requesting information concerning her rent and employment including income.
3. On August 31, 2015, Petitioner requested a hearing to protest the denial of her FAP application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

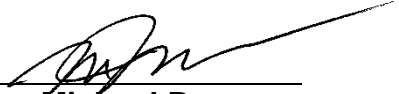
In this case, the Department sent Petitioner a verification checklist requesting various pieces of documentation concerning Petitioner's income and shelter information. The due date for the requested verification was August 17, 2015. Petitioner supplied the requested lease information on August 24, 2015.

Claimant testified at the hearing that she did not keep her check stubs from her employment and was advised that she would either have to provide the relevant check stubs or some other form of documentation of her income.

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 denied Petitioner's July 27, 2005, FAP application for failure to provide verification.

DECISION AND ORDER

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



Michael Bennane
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **10/20/2015**

Date Mailed: **10/20/2015**

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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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